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CLOAKED IN DARKNESS, SPIDEY FACES
THE MYSTIFYING MENACE OF...

"THE **MOLTEN MAN!**"



ALSO IN THIS LANDMARK ISSUE:
YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS
**PETER PARKER'S
GRADUATION!**



THE MENACE OF "THE MOLTEN MAN!"

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ON HIS WAY TO SCHOOL THIS MORNING, PETER PARKER IS HAILED BY NO LESS A PERSONAGE THAN THE PRINCIPAL HIMSELF! THUS, OUR STORY BEGINS WITH THE SAVAGE IMPACT OF A FALLING FEATHER...!

JUST A MOMENT, PARKER! I'D LIKE A WORD WITH YOU!

UH-OH! I HAD A HUNCH HE WOULDN'T FORGET ABOUT THAT LITTLE *FIGHT* I HAD WITH FLASH AND HIS STOOGES THE OTHER DAY!

* AS SO DELICIOUSLY DESCRIBED IN LAST MONTH'S *SPIDER-MAN*... STAN.

I JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU THAT FLASH THOMPSON EXPLAINED THAT *YOU* WERE NOT AT FAULT DURING THAT FIGHT THE OTHER DAY! SO WE'LL FORGET THE ENTIRE MATTER, SON!

WOW! OL' FLASH IS THE BEST ENEMY A GUY EVER HAD!

THANK YOU, SIR! I APPRECIATE YOUR TELLING ME!

THERE'S LIZ HILTON! I'LL BET *SHE* HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH FLASH GETTING ME OFF THE HOOK!

LIZ! LIZ... HOLD ON A MINUTE! IT'S PETER!

I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR STANDING UP FOR ME, LAST WEEK!... LIZ... IS SOMETHING *WRONG*?

NO! NOTHING AT ALL!

THEN WHY THE COLD SHOULDER? I CAN FEEL THE CHILL CLEAR ACROSS THE HALL!

I'M SORRY, PETER! I HAVEN'T TIME TO TALK NOW!

"PETER"? SHE NEVER CALLED ME *THAT* BEFORE! IT'S ALWAYS BEEN *PETEY*! I WONDER WHAT'S BUGGING HER?... AND JUST BEFORE GRADUATION, TOO!

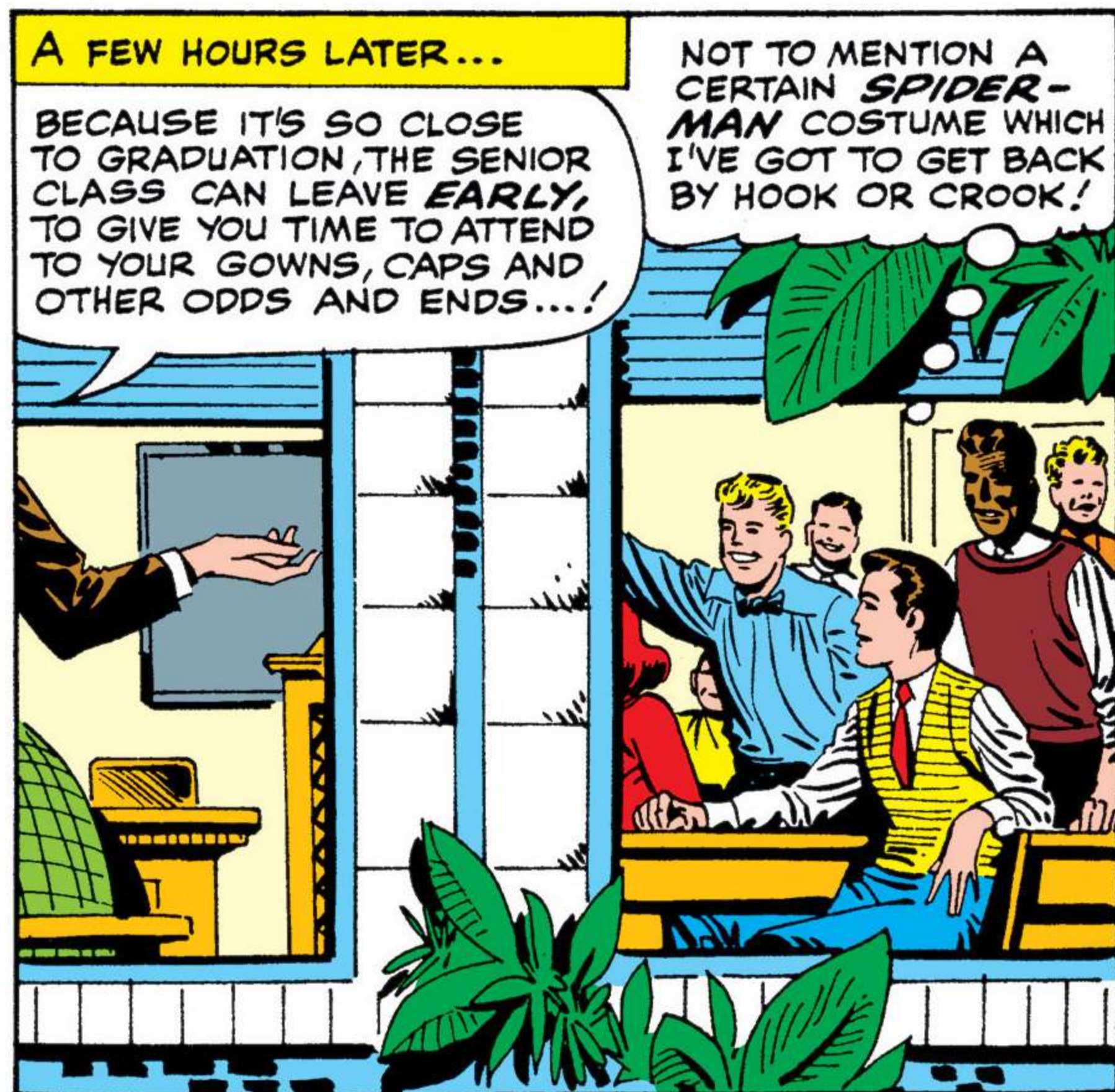
'SMATTER, USELESS? CAN'T YOU TELL WHEN A CHICK WRITES YOU OFF? YOU'VE *HAD* IT, PARKER!

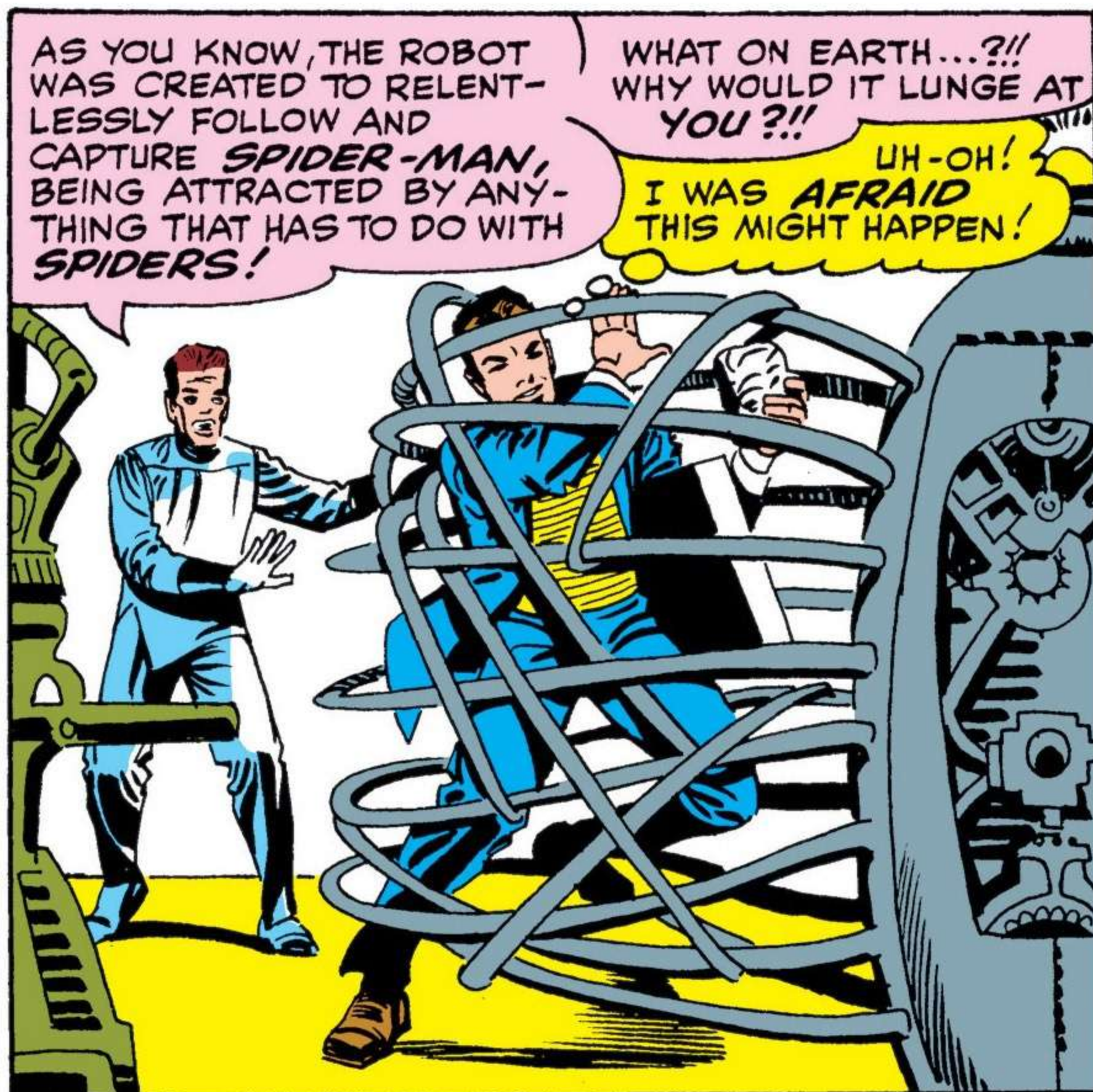
WELL, WELL! SINCE WHEN DID *YOU* BECOME THE "DEAR ABBY" OF MIDTOWN HIGH?

WHOO! I ALMOST FORGOT! I OWE FEARLESS FLASH A VOTE OF THANKS!

BY THE WAY, BIG MOUTH, I APPRECIATE YOU SQUARING THINGS WITH PRINCIPAL DAVIS FOR ME!

FORGET IT! I DIDN'T DO IT FOR *YOU*! FLASH THOMPSON DOESN'T LET *ANY* MEATBALL TAKE THE RAP FOR HIM!





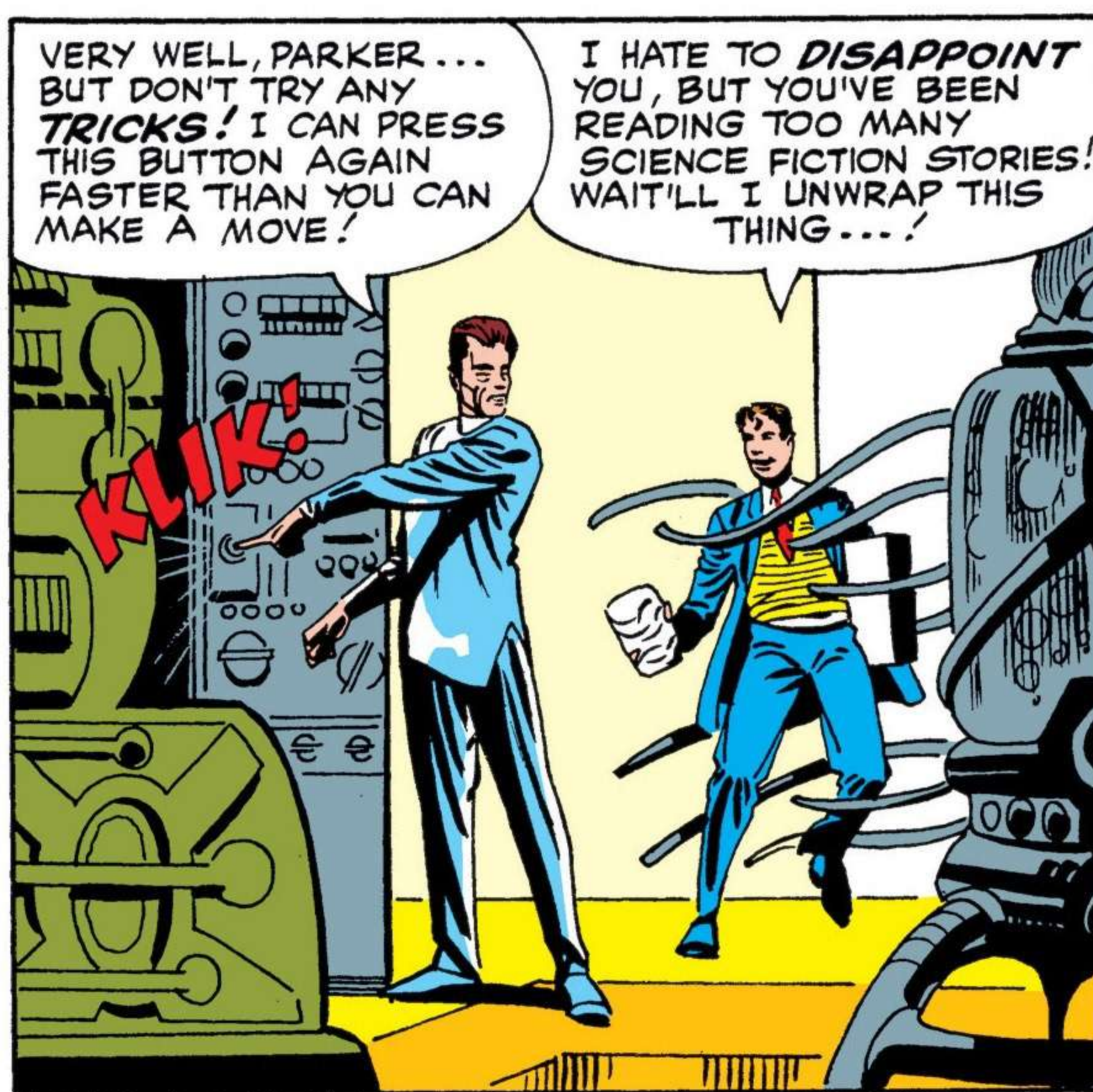
AS YOU KNOW, THE ROBOT WAS CREATED TO RELENTLESSLY FOLLOW AND CAPTURE **SPIDER-MAN**, BEING ATTRACTED BY ANYTHING THAT HAS TO DO WITH **SPIDERS**!

WHAT ON EARTH...??!
WHY WOULD IT LUNGE AT YOU??!
UH-OH!
I WAS **AFRAID** THIS MIGHT HAPPEN!



MY ROBOT WOULD NEVER ACT THAT WAY UNLESS IT SENSED SOMETHING **SPIDERY** NEARBY! CAN IT BE THAT YOU...??!

FORGET IT, MISTER! IT'S THIS **PACKAGE** I'M HOLDING! SHUT OFF THE MACHINE AND I'LL **SHOW YOU**!



VERY WELL, PARKER... BUT DON'T TRY ANY **TRICKS**! I CAN PRESS THIS BUTTON AGAIN FASTER THAN YOU CAN MAKE A MOVE!

I HATE TO **DISAPPOINT** YOU, BUT YOU'VE BEEN READING TOO MANY SCIENCE FICTION STORIES! WAIT'LL I UNWRAP THIS **THING**...



HERE! IT'S JUST A JAR OF SPIDERS... I THOUGHT THEY MIGHT HELP YOU WITH YOUR RESEARCH!

OF COURSE! **THAT'S** WHY MY ROBOT LASHED OUT! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN A TEEN-AGER LIKE YOU COULDN'T BE THE MYSTERIOUS **SPIDER-MAN**!

WHEW!...AM I GLAD I THOUGHT OF BRINGING THEM!



SPEAKING OF SPIDER-MAN, I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE HIS **COSTUME**! COULD I HAVE A **LOOK** AT IT? IT MIGHT MAKE A GOOD PHOTO FEATURE FOR THE "DAILY BUGLE"!

HELP YOURSELF, PARKER! IT'S OVER THERE! I HAVEN'T HAD TIME TO EXAMINE IT, YET!

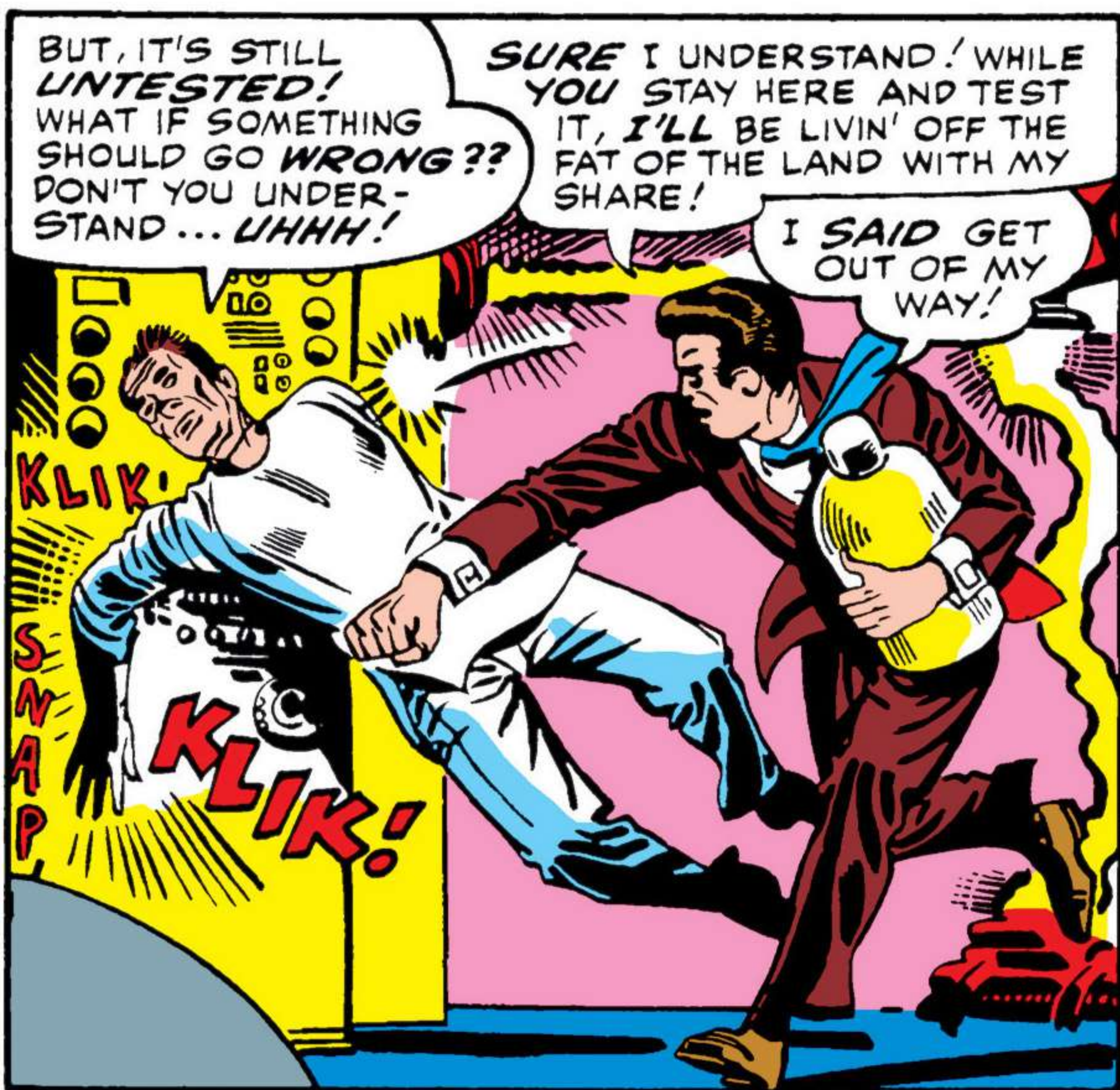


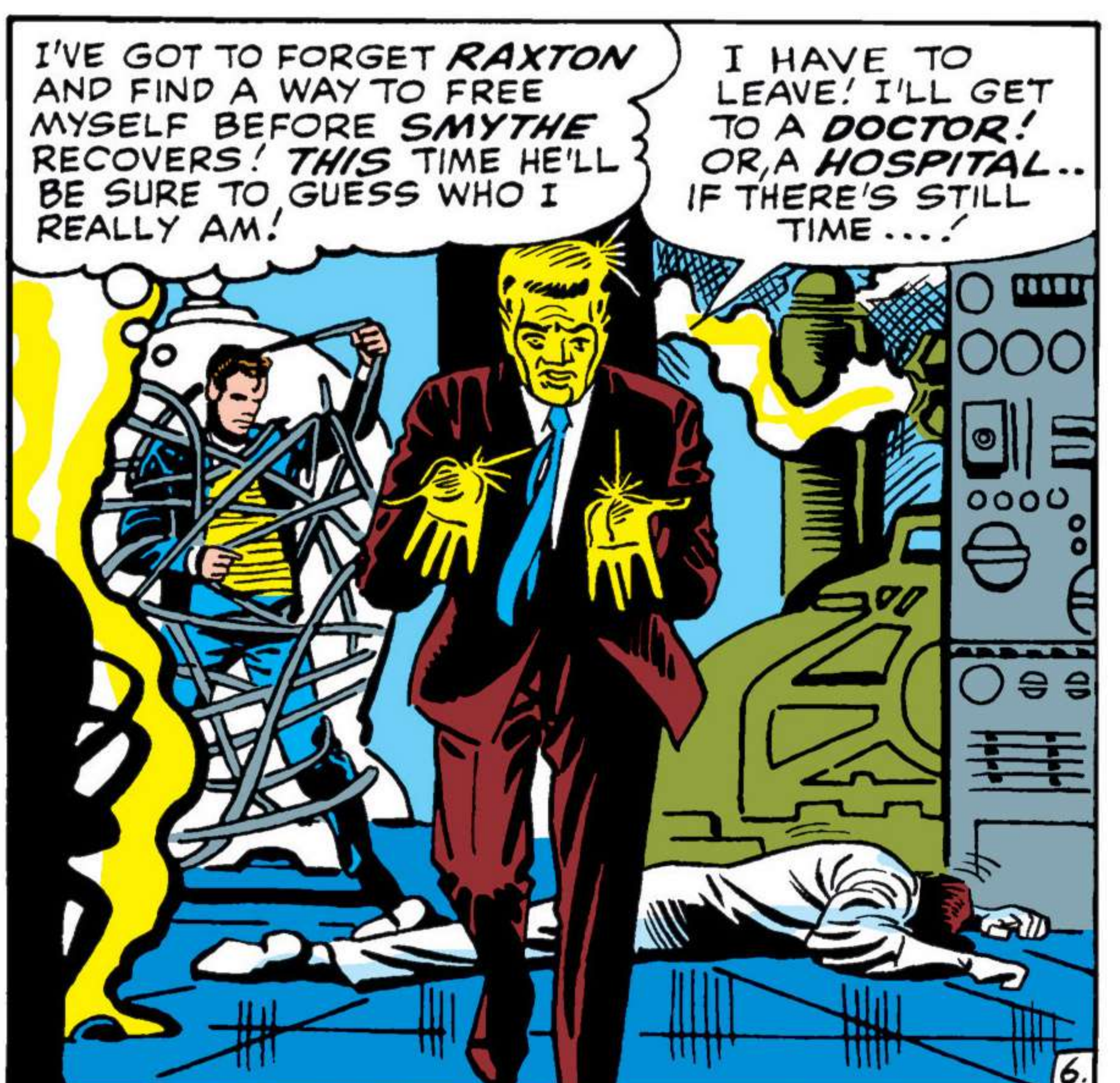
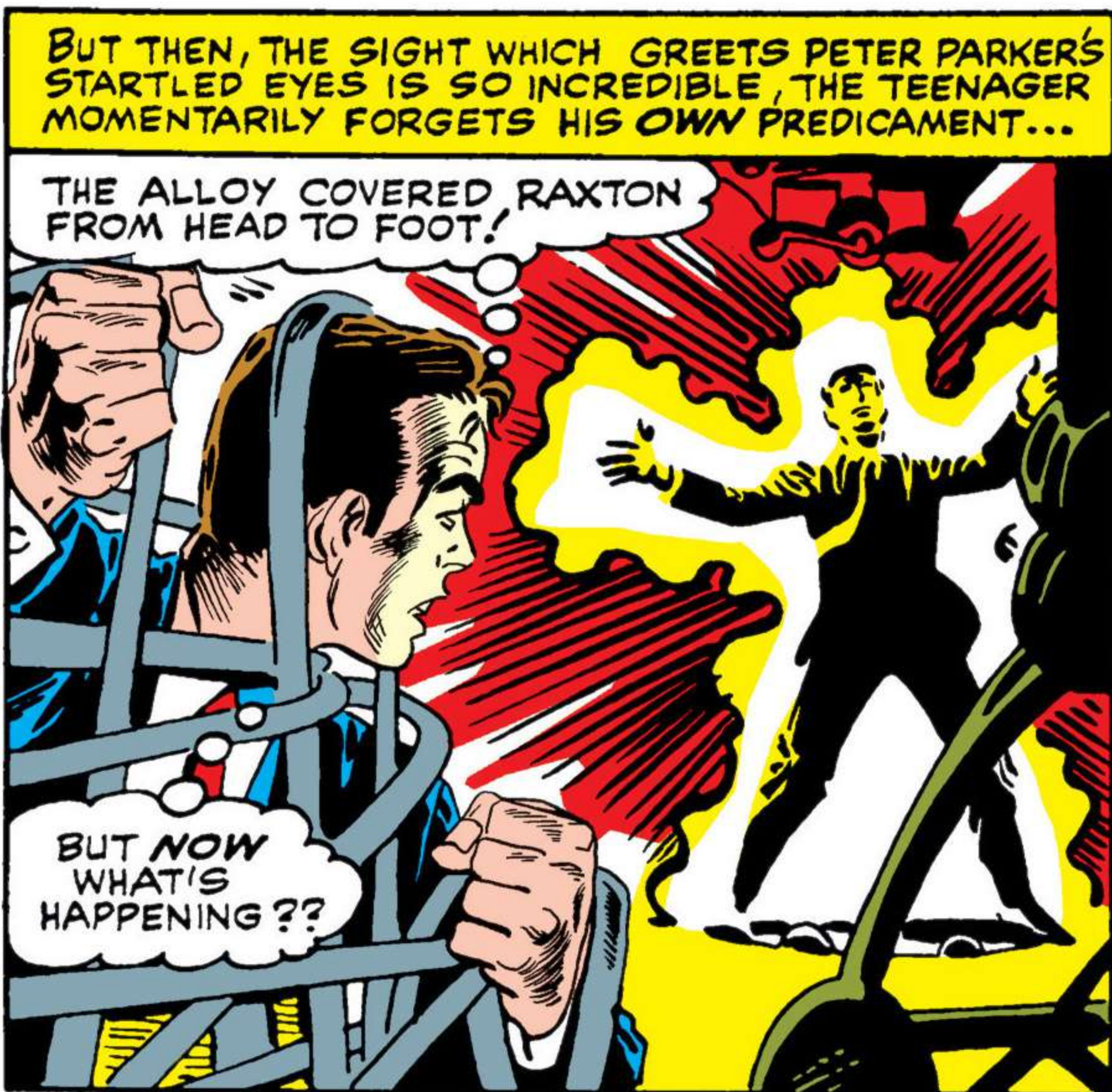
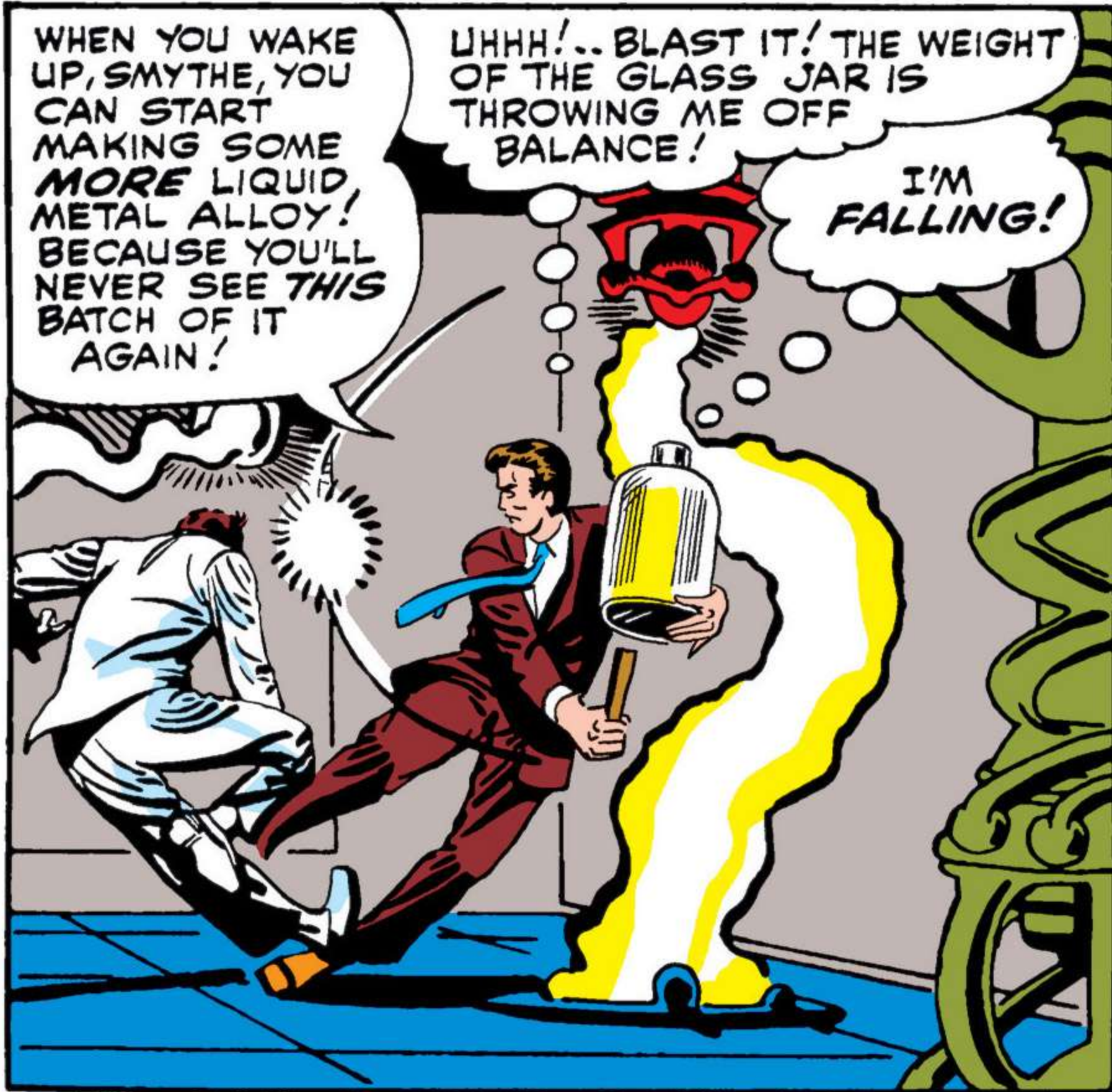
THE DOORBELL! THAT MUST BE MY ASSISTANT! AND ABOUT **TIME**, TOO! HE'S A HALF HOUR LATE!

BRINNG!
I'LL GET OUT OF YOUR WAY IN A MINUTE! ALL I WANT IS ONE LOOK AT THIS **COSTUME**!



SO FAR, SO GOOD! I'LL JUST SWITCH MY SHRUNKEN STORE-BOUGHT COSTUME FOR MY OLD ONE! AFTER ALL, IT **DOES** BELONG TO ME!

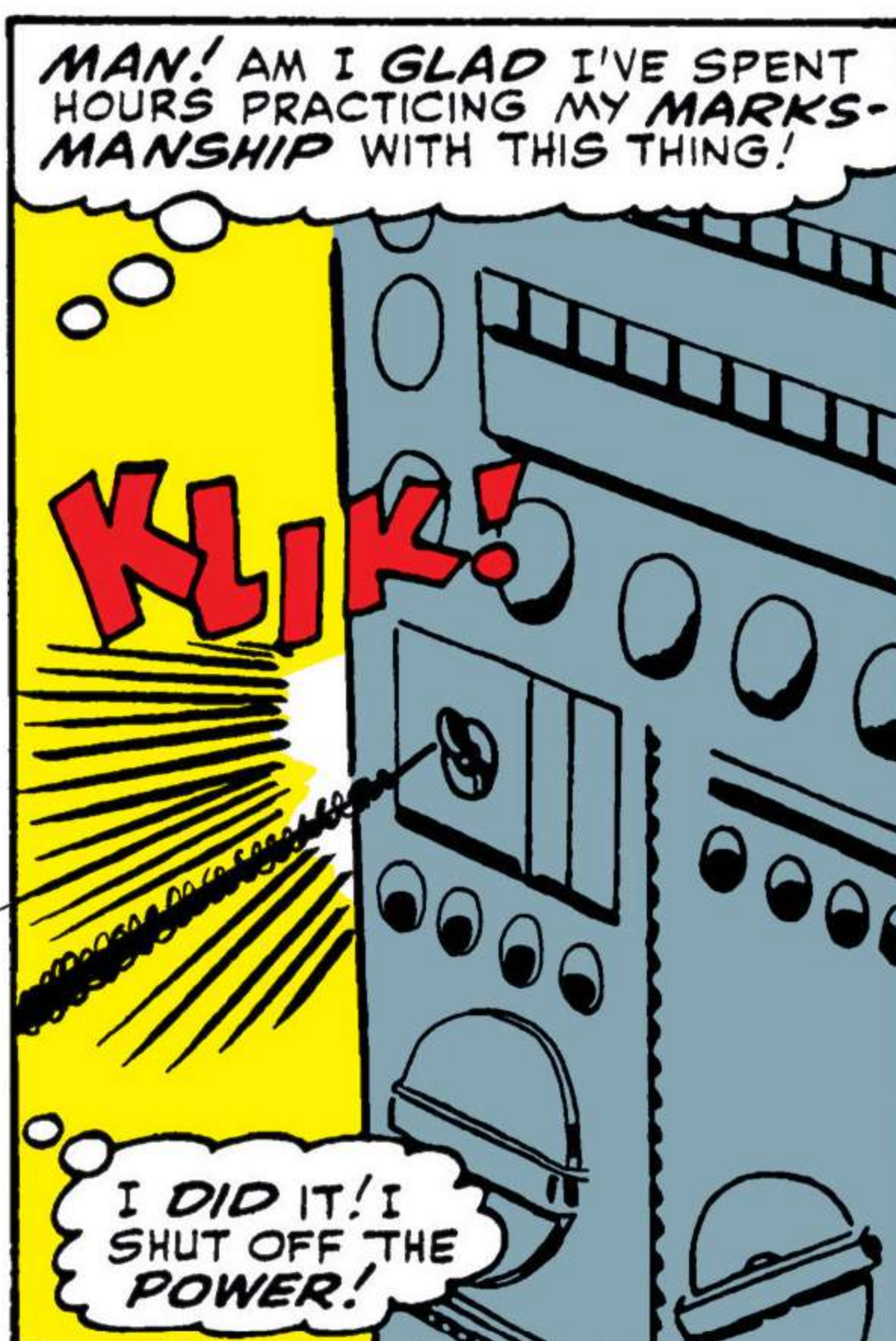






I KNOW MY **SPIDER-STRENGTH** CAN'T FREE ME FROM THESE SPECIALLY-MADE STEEL BANDS, BECAUSE I'VE TRIED IT BEFORE!

SO, IT'S ALL UP TO MY LITTLE **WEB-SHOOTER** NOW!



MAN! AM I GLAD I'VE SPENT HOURS PRACTICING MY **MARKSMANSHIP** WITH THIS THING!

I DID IT! I SHUT OFF THE **POWER!**



AND, JUST IN THE NICK OF **TIME!** SMYTHE IS COMING TO!

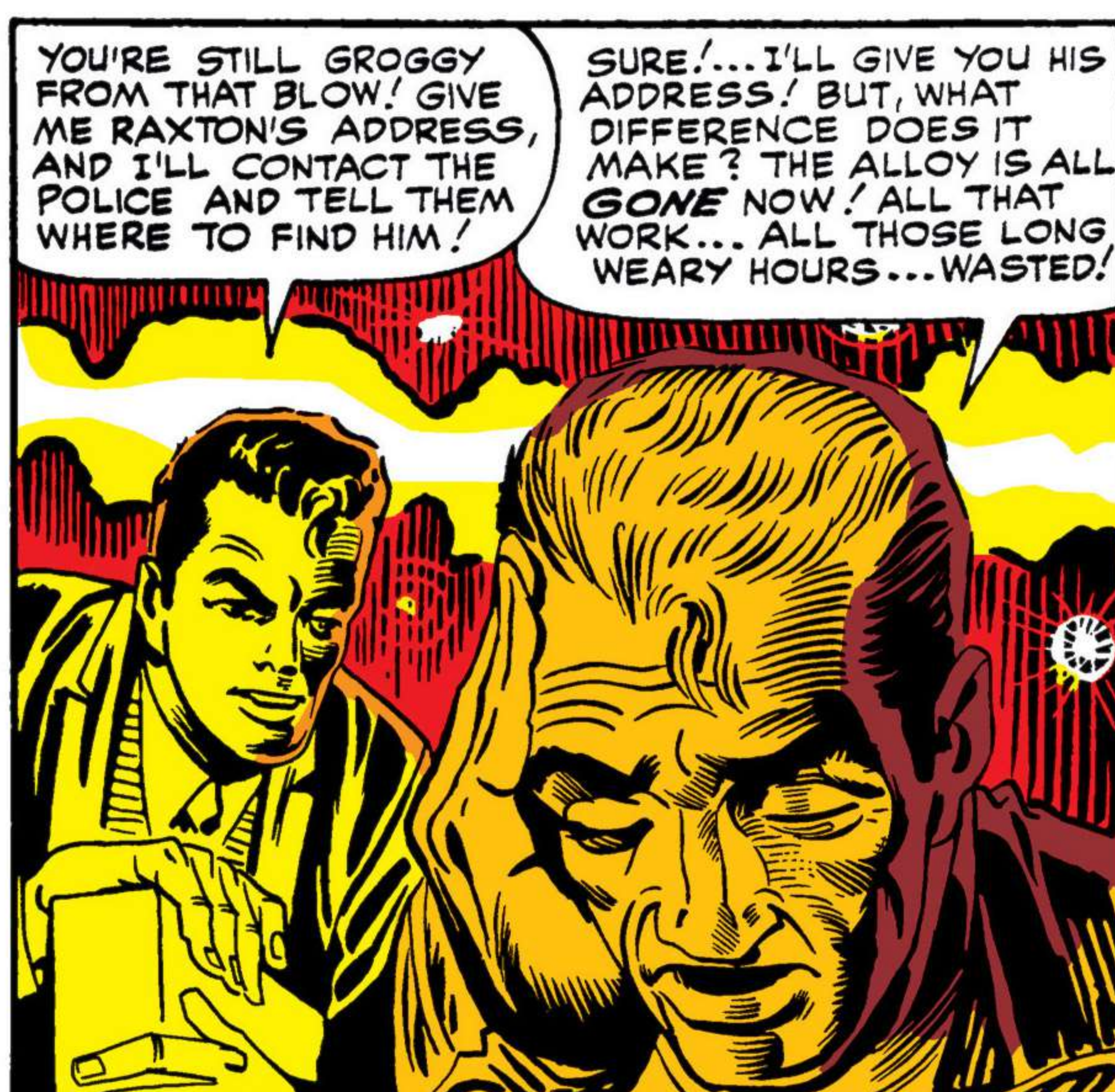
RAXTON! I'VE GOT TO STOP RAXTON!



LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE TOO **LATE**, MR. SMYTHE! HE KNOCKED YOU OUT AND MADE HIS ESCAPE BEFORE I COULD **STOP** HIM!

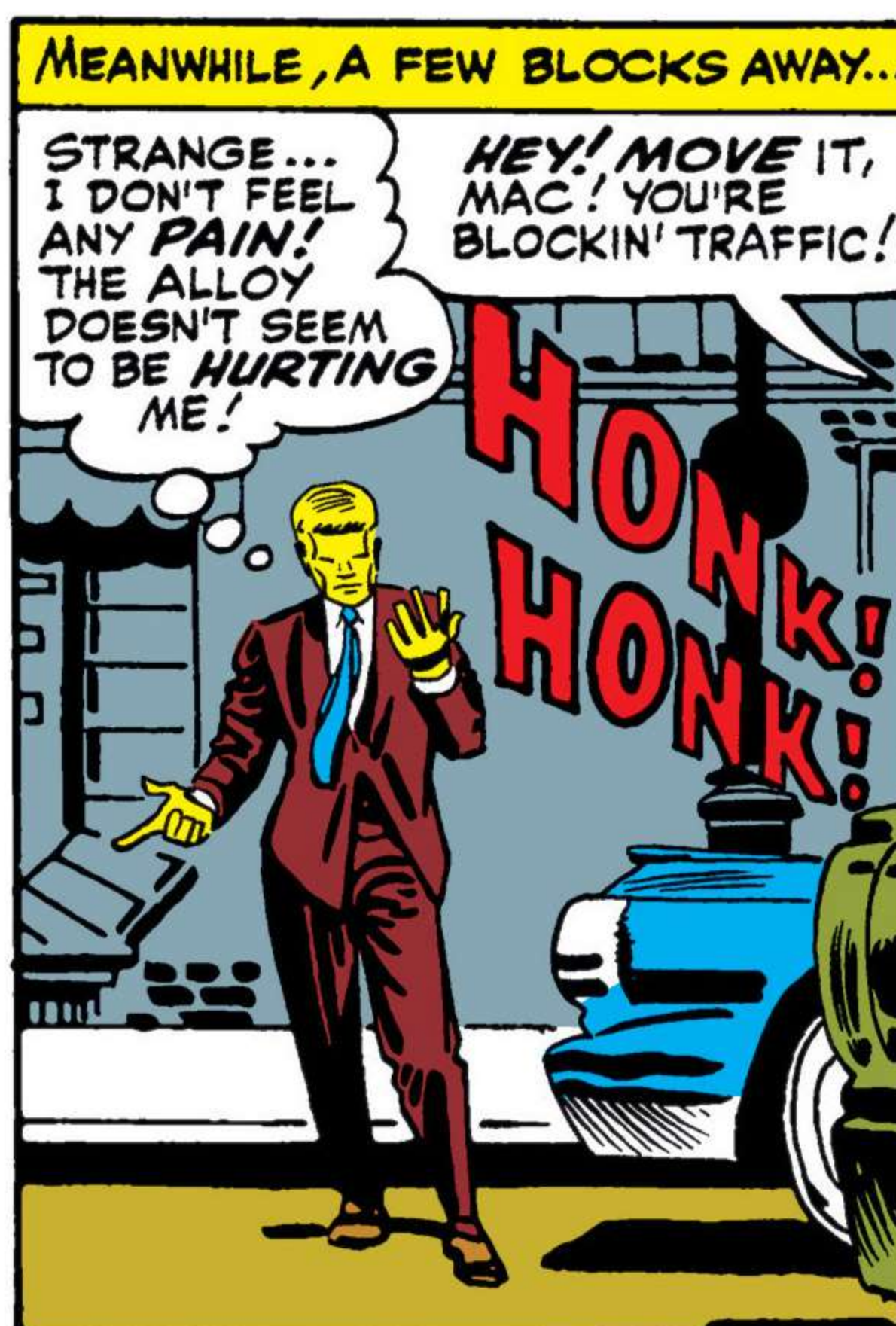
BUT HE DIDN'T GET AWAY WITH YOUR **ALLOY**... NOT IN ITS GLASS JAR, ANYWAY! IT SPILLED ALL **OVER** HIM!

OH, NO! ALL MY MONTHS OF WORK... DOWN THE DRAIN!



YOU'RE STILL GROGGY FROM THAT BLOW! GIVE ME RAXTON'S ADDRESS, AND I'LL CONTACT THE POLICE AND TELL THEM WHERE TO FIND HIM!

SURE!... I'LL GIVE YOU HIS ADDRESS! BUT, WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE? THE **ALLOY** IS ALL **GONE** NOW! ALL THAT WORK... ALL THOSE LONG WEARY HOURS... WASTED!



MEANWHILE, A FEW BLOCKS AWAY...

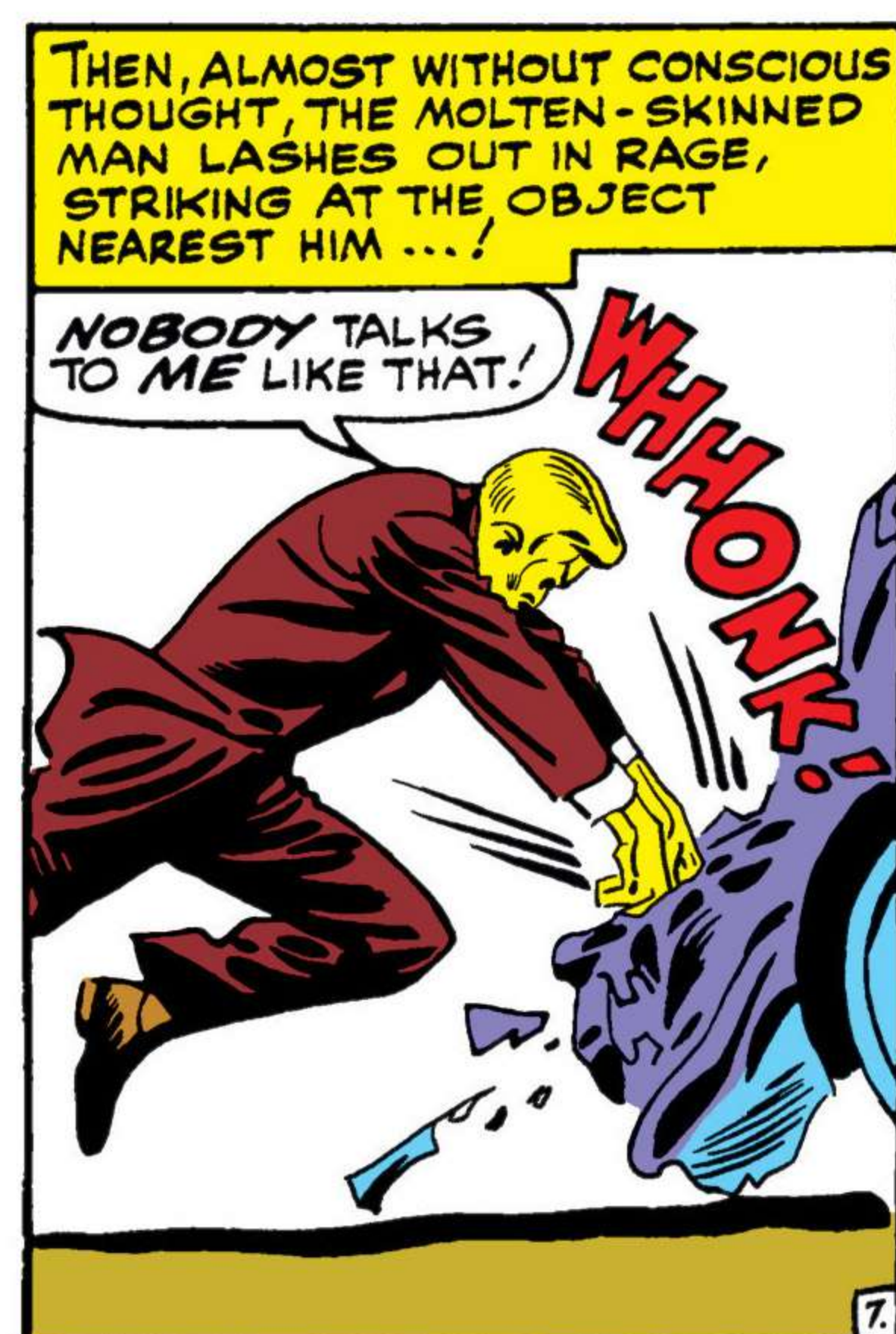
STRANGE... I DON'T FEEL ANY **PAIN!** THE **ALLOY** DOESN'T SEEM TO BE **HURTING** ME!

HEY! MOVE IT, MAC! YOU'RE **BLOCKIN'** TRAFFIC!



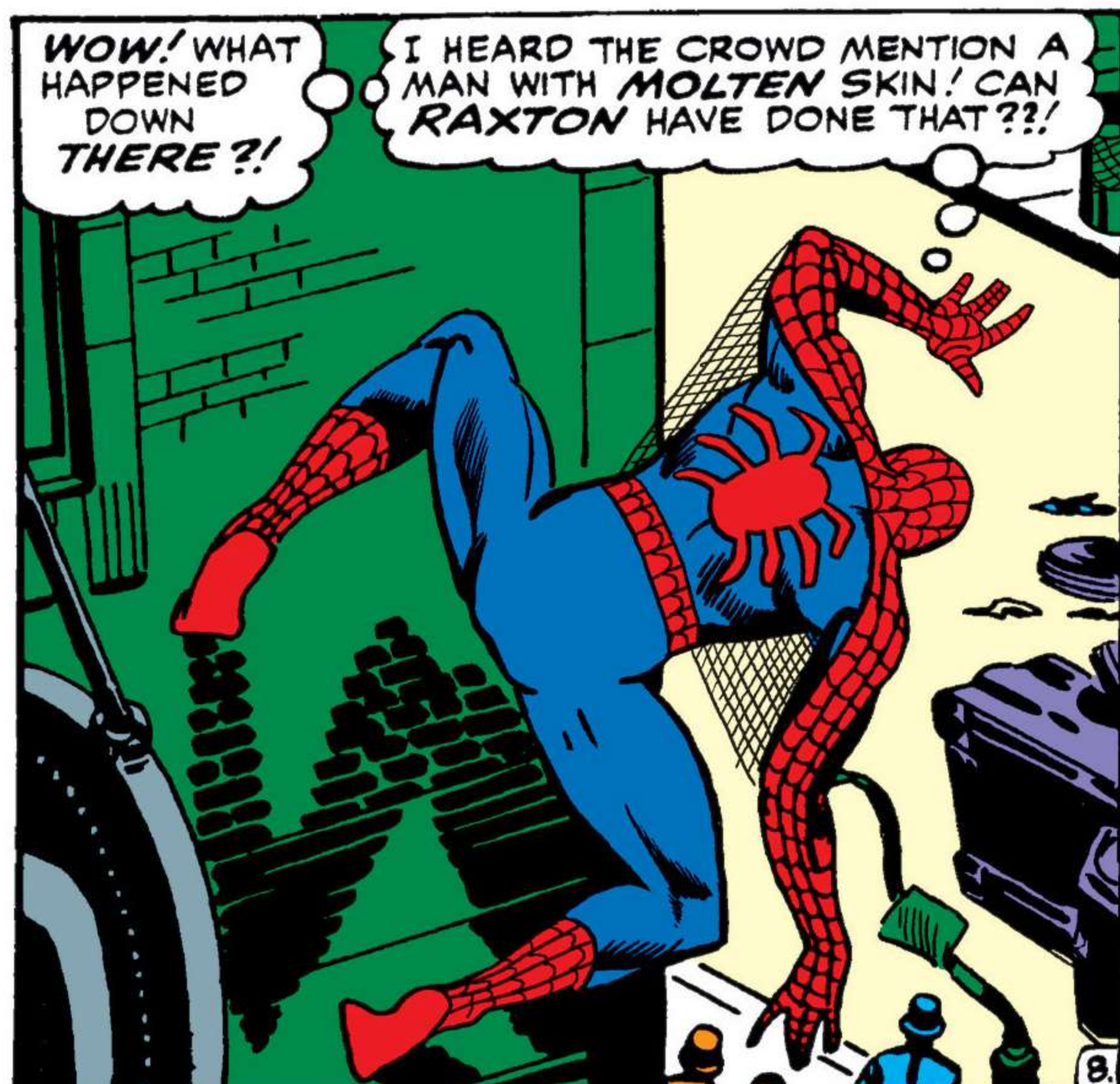
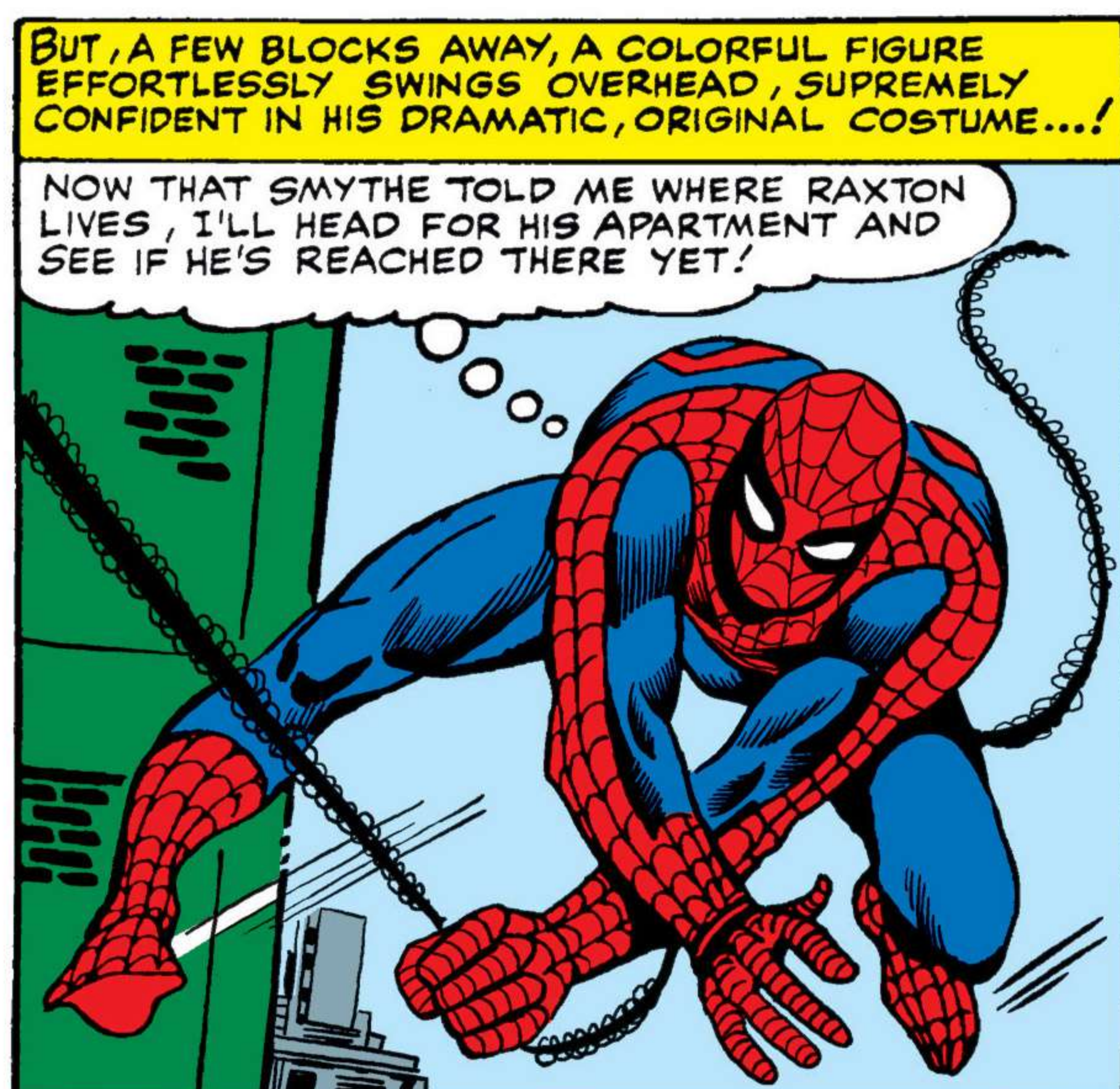
YOU DUMB-LOOKIN' **CREEP!** DON'TCHA KNOW BETTER THAN TO DO YOUR DAYDREAMIN' IN THE MIDDLE OF THE **ROAD**?!?!?

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE CALLIN' A **CREEP**?!

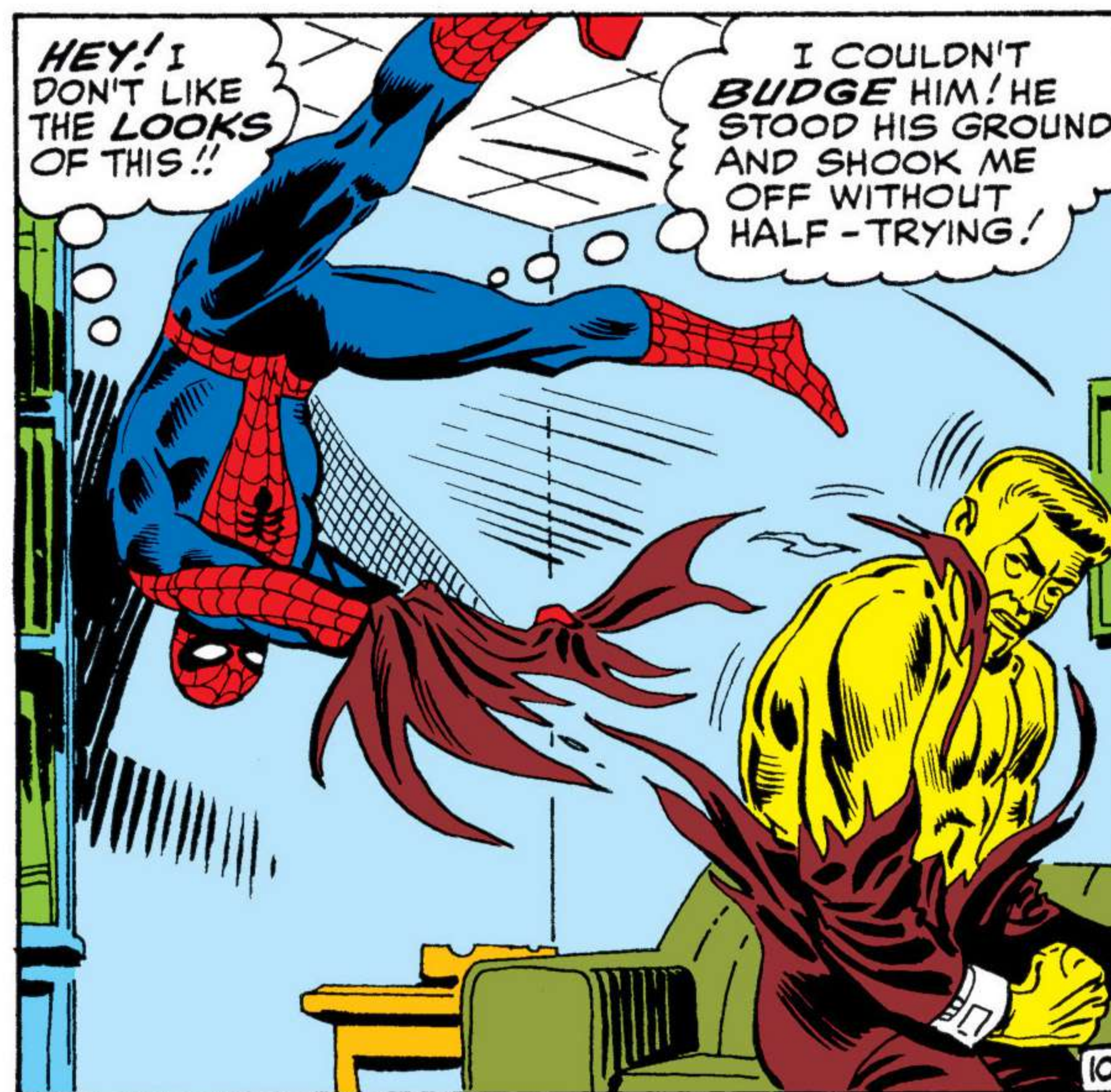


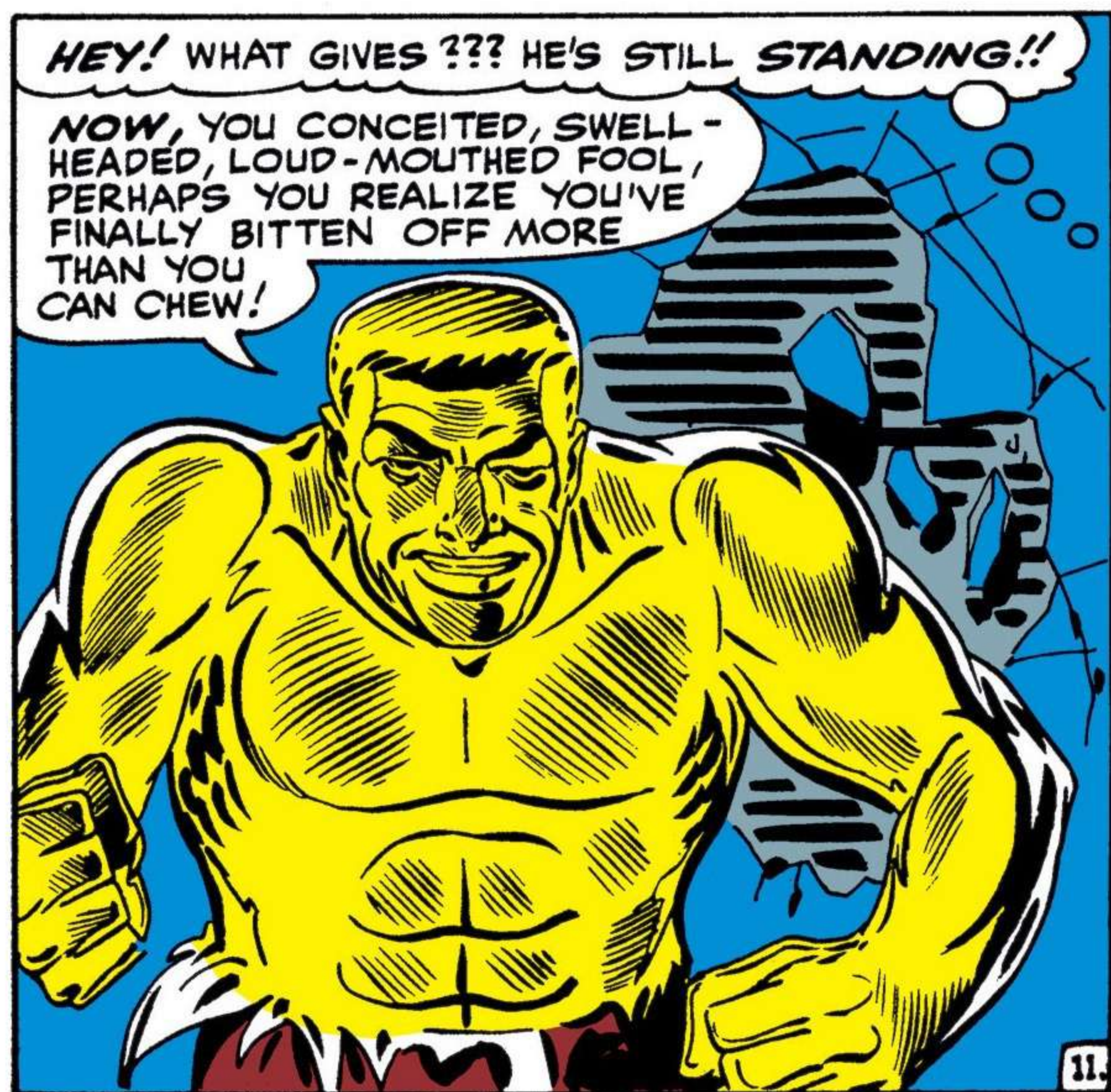
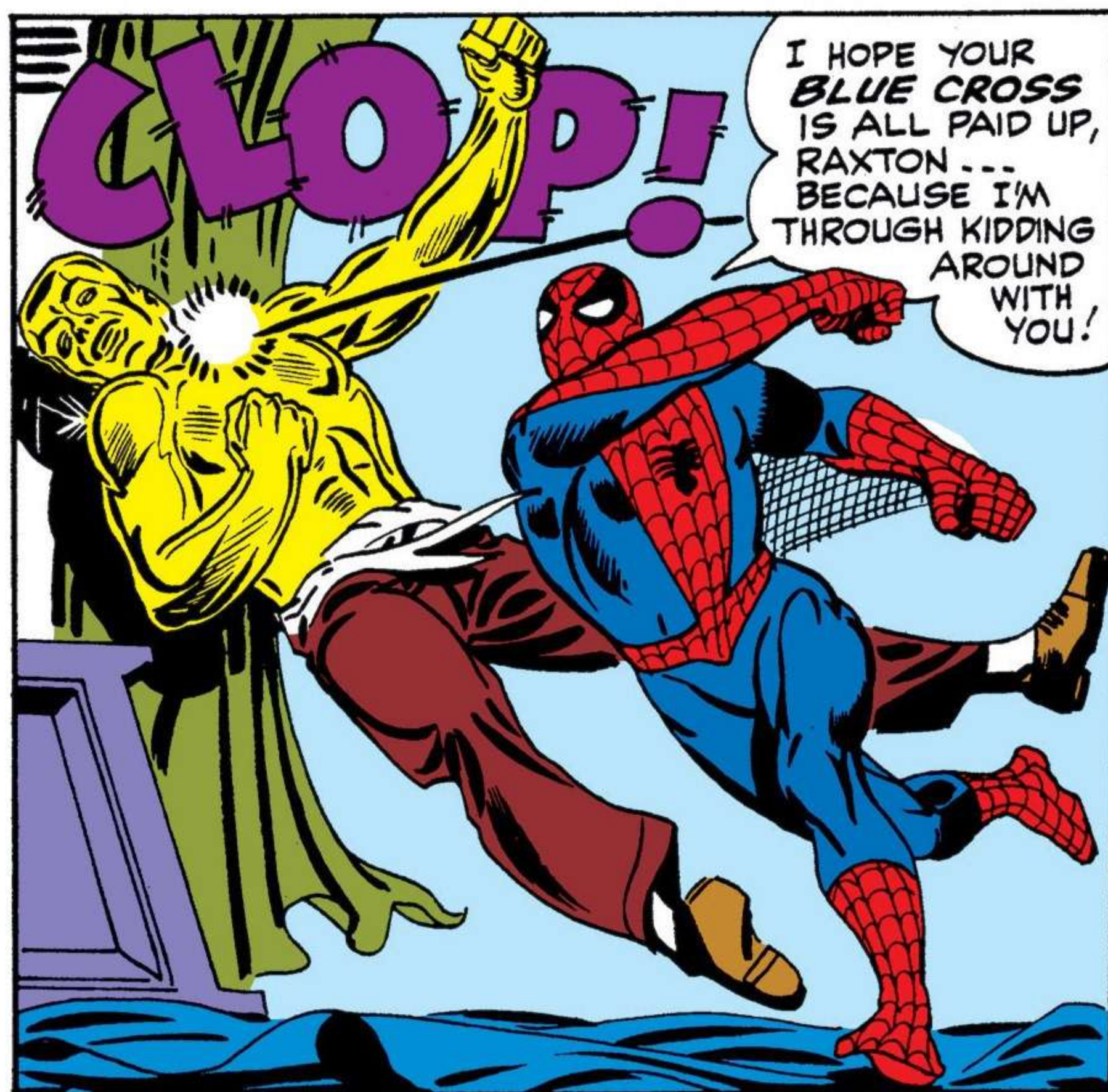
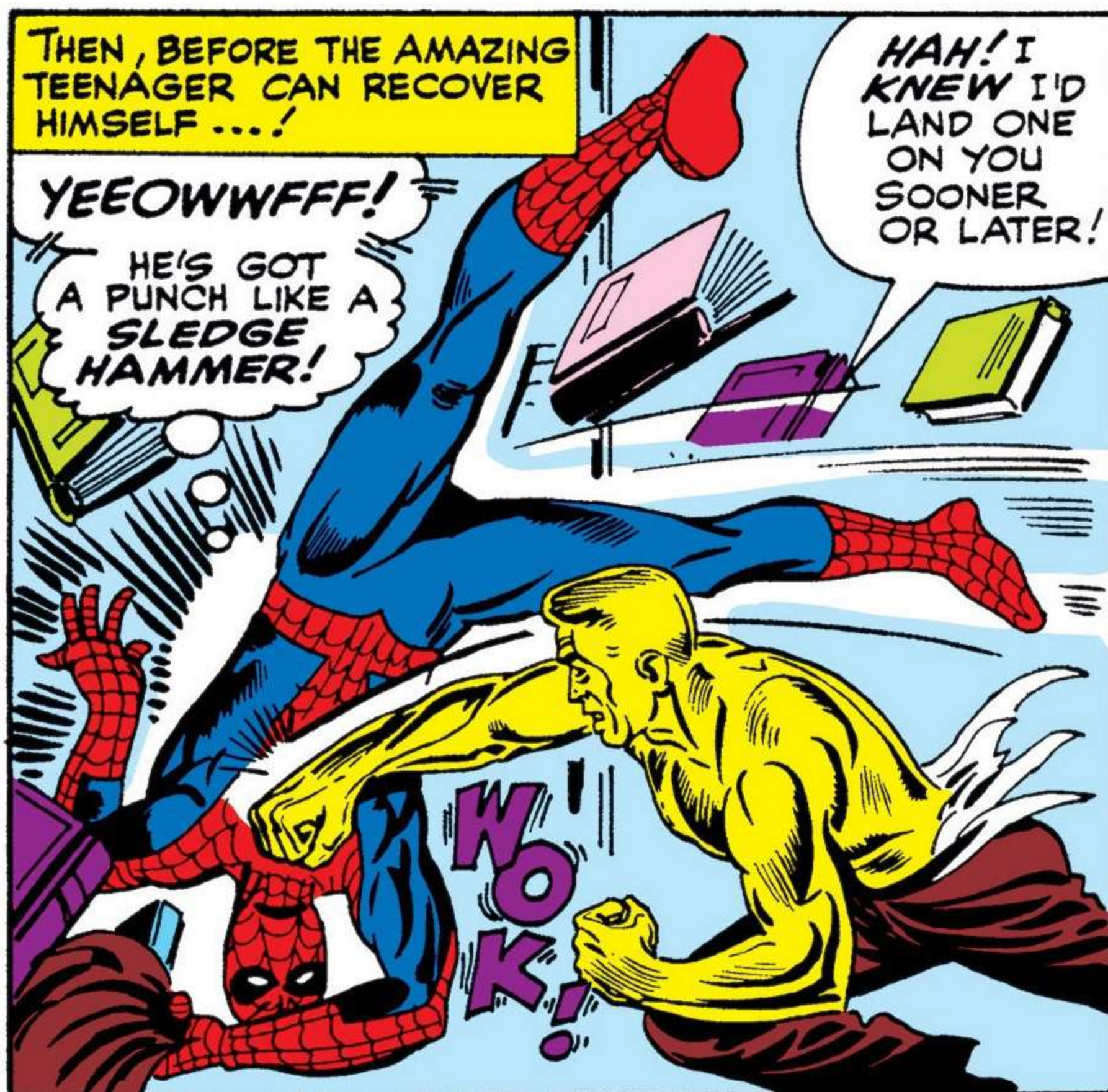
THEN, ALMOST WITHOUT CONSCIOUS THOUGHT, THE **MOLTEN-SKINNED** MAN LASHES OUT IN RAGE, STRIKING AT THE OBJECT NEAREST HIM ...!

NOBODY TALKS TO ME LIKE THAT!













MUST YOU BE SUCH AN EAGER BEAVER ?? EVEN **DOC OCK** USED TO STOP TO CATCH HIS BREATH NOW AND THEN !

WHEN I'M THROUGH WITH **YOU**, YOU'LL WISH YOU **WERE** FIGHTING ONE OF YOUR OLD-TIME PUSHOVER ENEMIES !



NOW WAIT A **MINUTE** ! I FEEL REAL **SENTIMENTAL** ABOUT MY OLD SPARRING PARTNERS !

SO LET'S HEAR YOU SPEAK A LITTLE MORE **RESPECTFULLY** ABOUT THEM !

I **KNEW** IT ! YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A FULL-TIME **NUT** !



AND, WHAT'S EVEN **WORSE**, YOUR PUNCHES ARE GETTING WEAKER AND WEAKER !

HE'S **WRONG** ! I'M SWINGING AS HARD AS EVER ! BUT, HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH ... I'M JUST NOT **HURTING** HIM !



IT'S NO PICNIC BEING HIT BY A **MOLTEN** FIST, IS IT ??

... ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE KICKED BY A **MOLTEN** TOE AT THE SAME TIME !

THE GREAT **SPIDER-MAN** !! **HAW..** WHAT A **LAUGH** !

NOK !

BLAPP !



SECONDS LATER, THE TWO COMBATANTS FIND THEMSELVES STILL TRADING BLOWS ABOVE THE CELLAR STAIRS, AND THEN ... !

I'LL FINISH YOU OFF DOWN **HERE** ... WHERE NOBODY WILL **SEE** IT !!

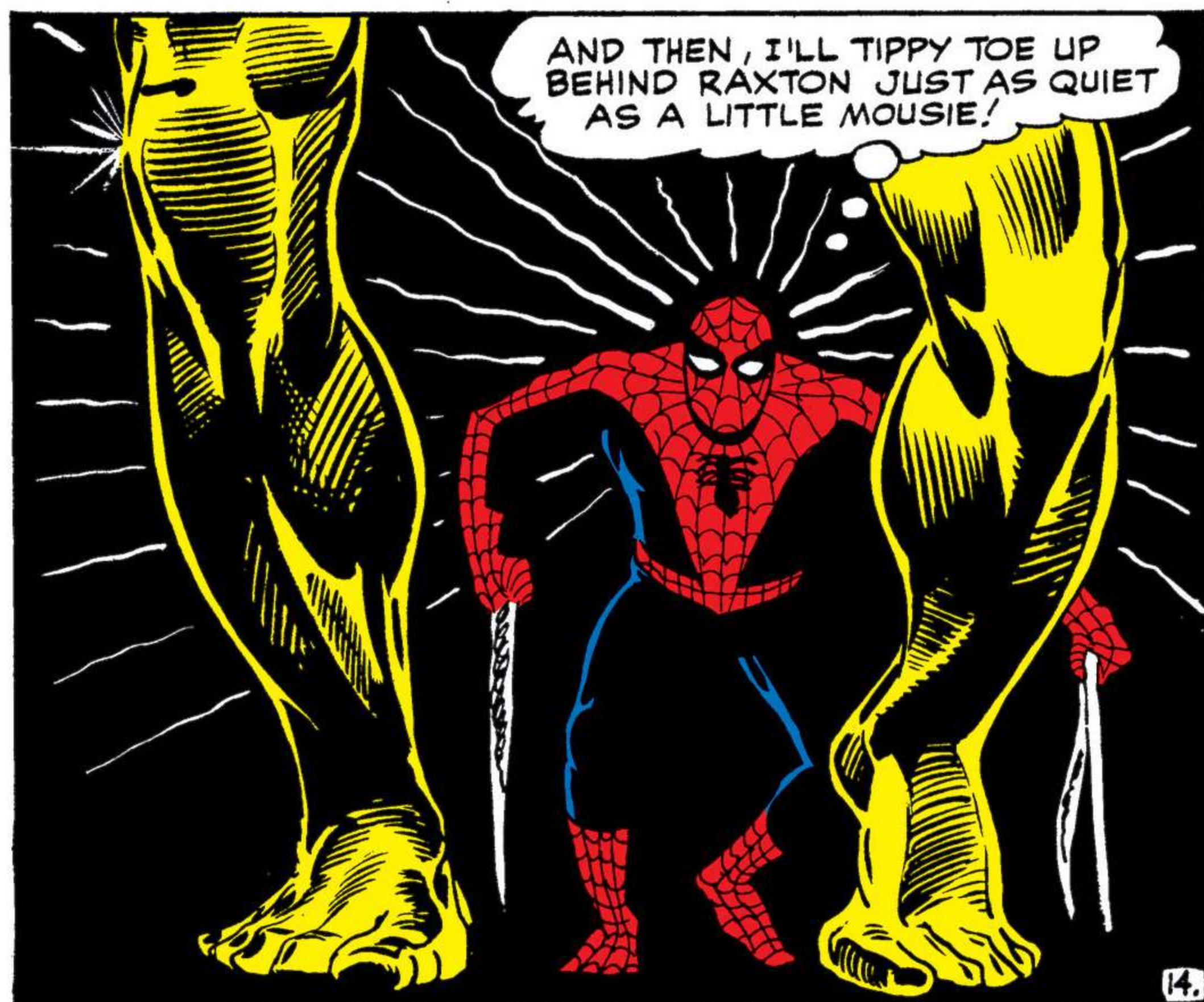
AFTER ALL, I WOULDN'T WANT TO **EMBARRASS** A FAMOUS CRIME-FIGHTER LIKE **YOU** !

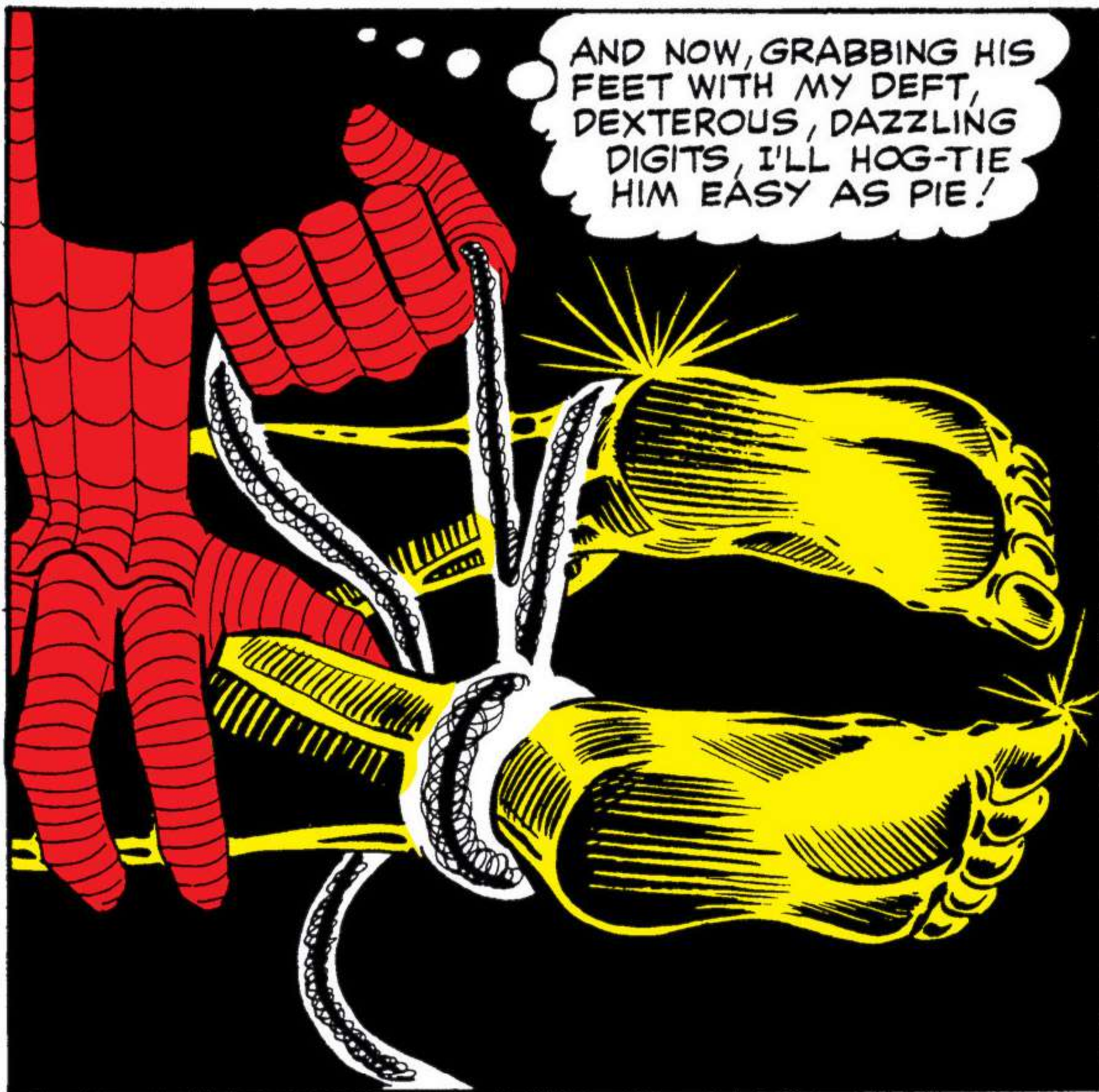
THAT'S ONE THING I'VE **GOTTA** SAY ABOUT YOU, **RAXTON**.. YOU'RE ALL **HEART** !



IF I WERE **YOU**, SPIDER-MAN, I WOULDN'T WASTE MY BREATH ON THOSE CORNY REMARKS ! YOU'LL BE **NEEDING** IT SOON !

HE ISN'T EVEN **SCRATCHED** !! HOW AM I GONNA **STOP** HIM ?? !





AND NOW, GRABBING HIS FEET WITH MY DEFT, DEXTEROUS, DAZZLING DIGITS, I'LL HOG-TIE HIM EASY AS PIE!



UH UH! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE REACHED OVER HERE TO GRAB ME! I HAD THIS LITTLE LOOP ALL WAITING FOR YOU!



THERE! NO MATTER HOW **SLIPPERY** YOUR SKIN IS, IF I PULL THOSE KNOTS **TIGHT** ENOUGH, YOU'VE **HAD** IT, CHUM!



I SUPPOSE YOU THINK I'M **HELPLESS** NOW, HUH?

HEAVENS, NO! YOU CAN STILL FLUTTER YOUR EYELIDS!

NOW GIVE YOUR TONSILS A REST WHILE I DRAG YOU **OUT** OF HERE!



HE **IS** SLIPPERY! WHILE I WAS HAULING HIM UP THE STEPS, HE WAS LOOSENING MY WEBBING AGAIN!

HOLD IT, GOLDEN BOY! YOU'RE NOT WIGGLING OUT OF THAT WEBBING A SECOND TIME!



THERE! YOUR HELPFUL OL' SPIDER-MAN WILL MAKE IT ALL NICE AND SNUG AGAIN!

SAY! YOU OUGHTTA DO SOMETHING ABOUT THOSE **CALLOUSES!** MAYBE THE LAUNDRY DETERGENT YOU'VE BEEN USING IS TOO HARSH!



HAH! I THOUGHT YOU'D GET CARELESS AND OVERCONFIDENT! NOW IT'S MY TURN!

OOOF!

I'LL KEEP SLAMMING YOU AROUND UNTIL YOU GET THAT WEBBING OFF ME!



WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU ?? HAVEN'T YOU ENOUGH SENSE TO KNOW WHEN YOU'RE BEATEN ??

IF I HAD ANY SENSE, WOULD I BE IN A BUSINESS LIKE THIS??!



OKAY, I GUESS I'VE WAITED LONG ENOUGH!

WAITED ?? FOR WHAT ?? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

YOU MEAN THERE'S SOMETHING YOU DON'T KNOW ??!



WELL, I'LL ENLIGHTEN YOU, RAXTON! I WAS JUST LETTING YOU TOSS ME AROUND WHILE I WAITED FOR MY WEBBING TO HARDEN! AND NOW, EVEN YOU CAN'T GET LOOSE!

FOOTSTEPS! SOUNDS LIKE SOMEONE'S COMING!

YOU'RE NOT JUST GONNA LEAVE ME HERE LIKE THIS, ARE YOU?



DON'T WORRY, RAXIE ... YOU WON'T BE LONELY! THEY SAY THE POLICE ARE REAL GOOD COMPANY!

MINUTES AGO I WAS ON TOP OF THE WORLD! AND NOW ... I DON'T GET IT!

THIS IS WHERE SMYTHE SAID WE'D FIND THAT GUY WHO ... HEY! LOOK AT THAT!



SORRY I DON'T HAVE TIME TO STAY AND CHAT WITH THEM FOR A WHILE ... BUT I'M IN A HURRY!

I WONDER HOW MANY OTHER FELLAS IN MY PROFESSION HAVE TO HURRY HOME IN TIME FOR THEIR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION ?!!

THUS, A SHORT TIME LATER, AT THE HAPPY, HUMBLE, MORTGAGED HOME OF PETER PARKER...

AUNT MAY! AREN'T YOU READY YET? THE GRADUATION CEREMONY **STARTS** IN A LITTLE WHILE!

YOU RUN ALONG, PETER DEAR! I'LL BE GOING WITH MRS. WATSON IN A HALF HOUR!

I KNOW YOU HAVE TO BE THERE EARLY, IN ORDER TO GET ALL PREPARED FOR THE BIG MOMENT!

OH, PETER, YOUR UNCLE BEN WOULD HAVE BEEN SO **PROUD** OF YOU!

MY LITTLE BOY... GRADUATING WITH HONORS!

WELL, IF "YOUR LITTLE BOY" DOESN'T GET GOING, HE'S LIABLE TO MISS THE WHOLE THING! DON'T BE LATE NOW, HEAR?

TO MY OWN NEPHEW'S GRADUATION? OH, PETER!

AND, THEN, AT MIDTOWN HIGH, THE BIG MOMENT FINALLY ARRIVES...

Y'KNOW, I AUTOMATICALLY FEEL 200% SMARTER WITH THIS CRAZY PANCAKE ON MY DOME!

I ALWAYS SAID YOU HAD A FLAT HEAD, CHARLIE, AND NOW WE **KNOW** IT!

ALL RIGHT, STUDENTS! IT'S TIME TO ASSEMBLE! SINGLE FILE, PLEASE...!

LOOK, MAY! THERE HE IS! IT'S PETER!

OH! ISN'T HE HANDSOME! LET'S WAVE TO HIM, DEAR!

THERE'S AUNT MAY, AND MRS. WATSON! BUT, BETTY BRANT ISN'T HERE! SHE MUST BE MORE ANGRY WITH ME THAN I THOUGHT!*

* AS WE SAW IN SPIDEY #25 AND #26... STAN.

WE'LL SPARE YOU THE EXACT TEXT OF PRINCIPAL DAVIS' SPEECH, BECAUSE IT'S PRETTY MUCH LIKE EVERY OTHER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION SPEECH, EXCEPT FOR **THIS PART...**

AND NOW, I'M PROUD TO ANNOUNCE OUR TWO **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS** TO EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY, HERE IN NEW YORK CITY!

FOR PROFICIENCY IN **ATHLETICS**, OUR WINNER IS **FLASH THOMPSON!**

YIPPEEE!

AND, FOR ACHIEVING THE HIGHEST **SCHOLASTIC AVERAGE** IN OUR SCHOOL'S HISTORY, A SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO **PETER PARKER!**

I DID IT!! THIS MEANS I CAN GO TO COLLEGE... **FREE!** GOSH, IT'S LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE!

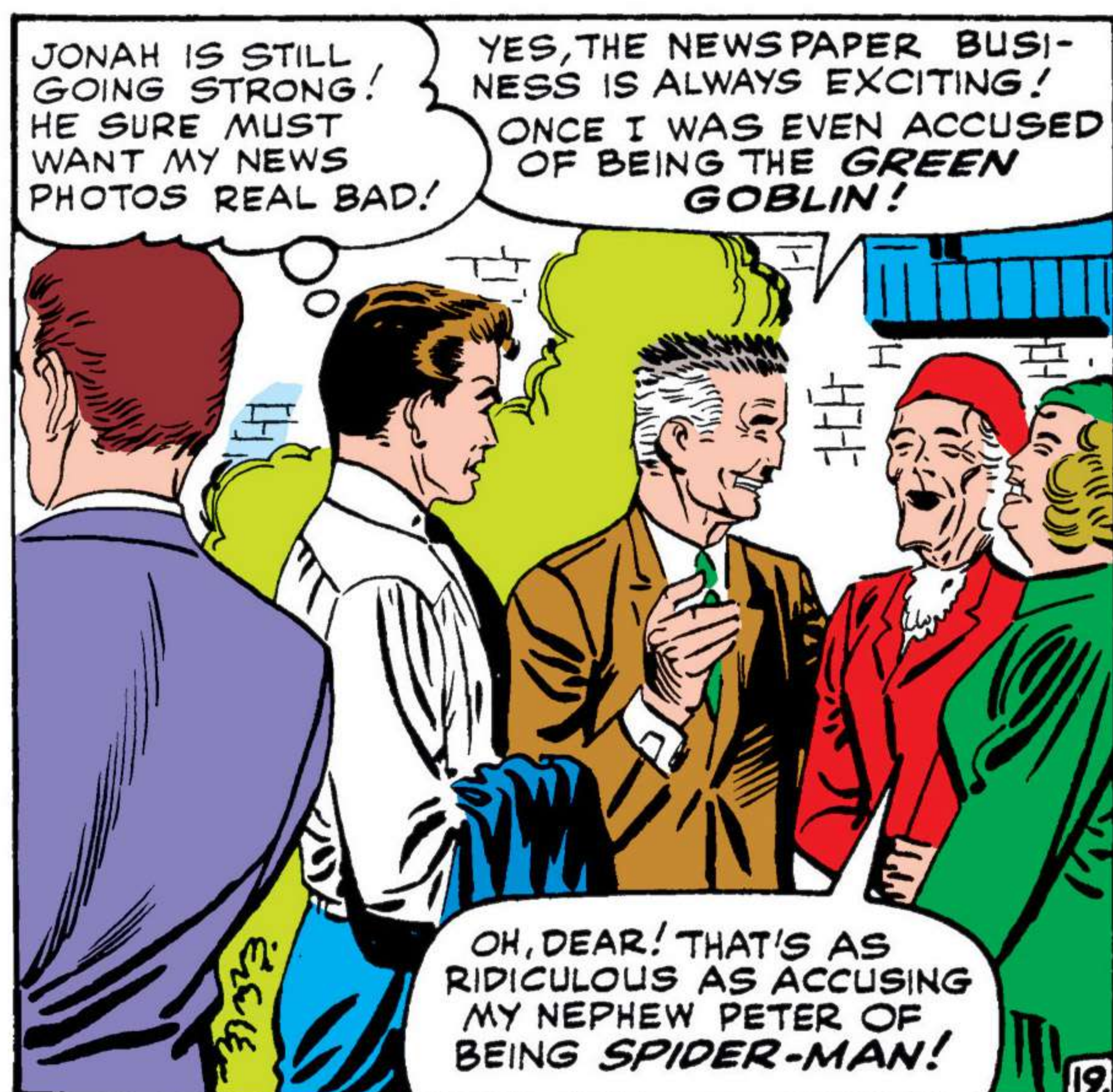
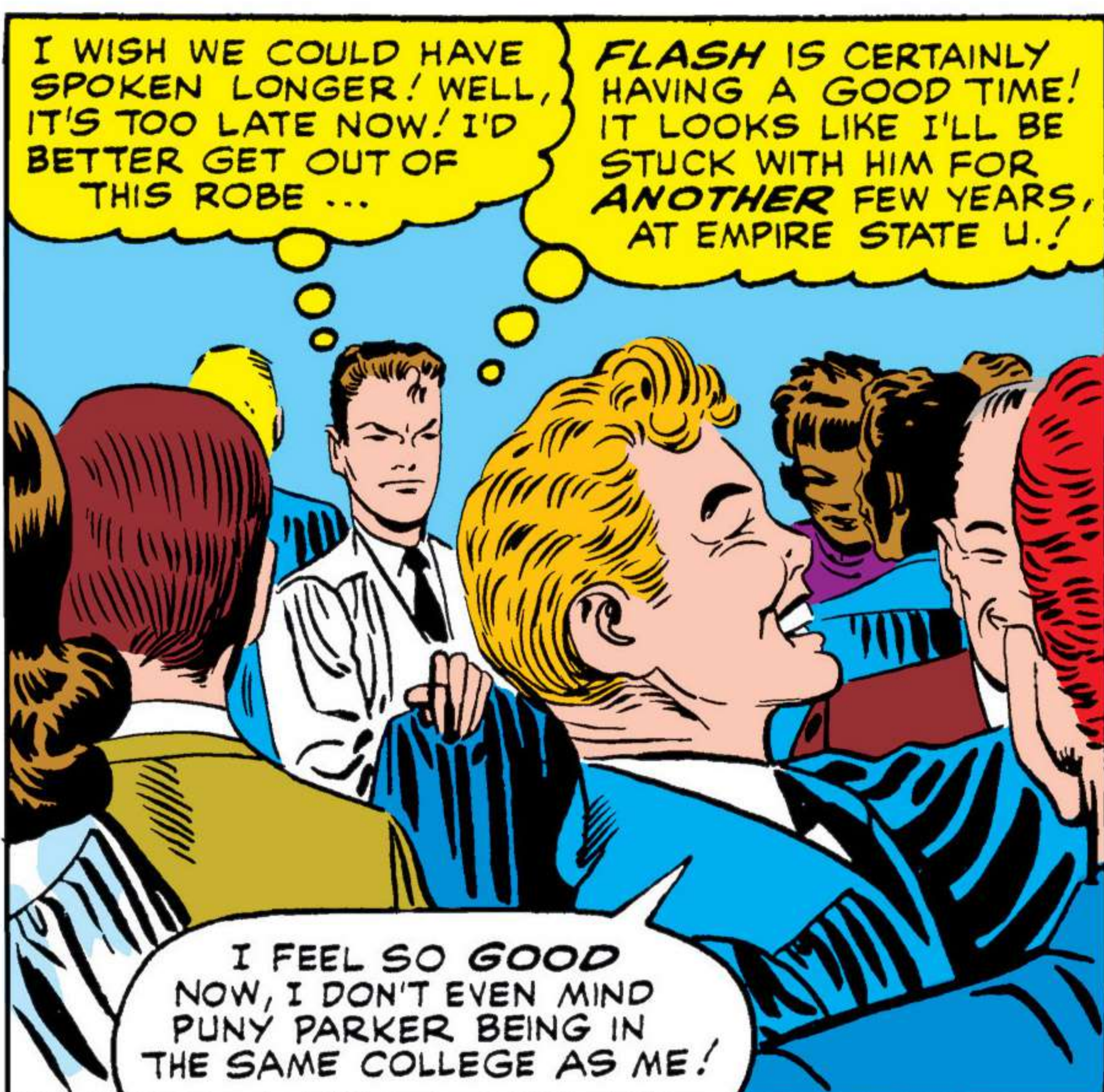
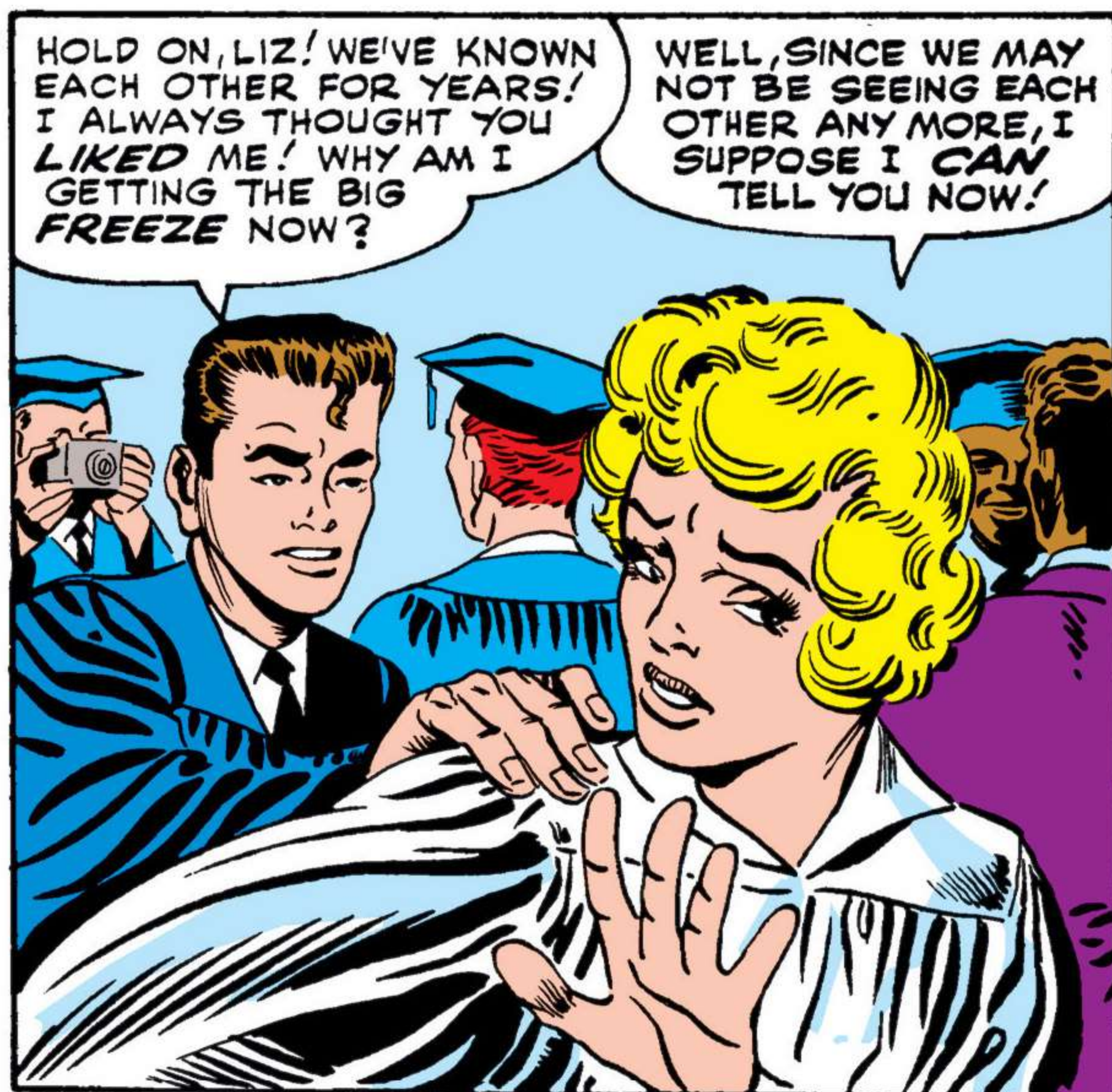
BOY! THE CHICKS'LL GO APE OVER OL' FLASH NOW!

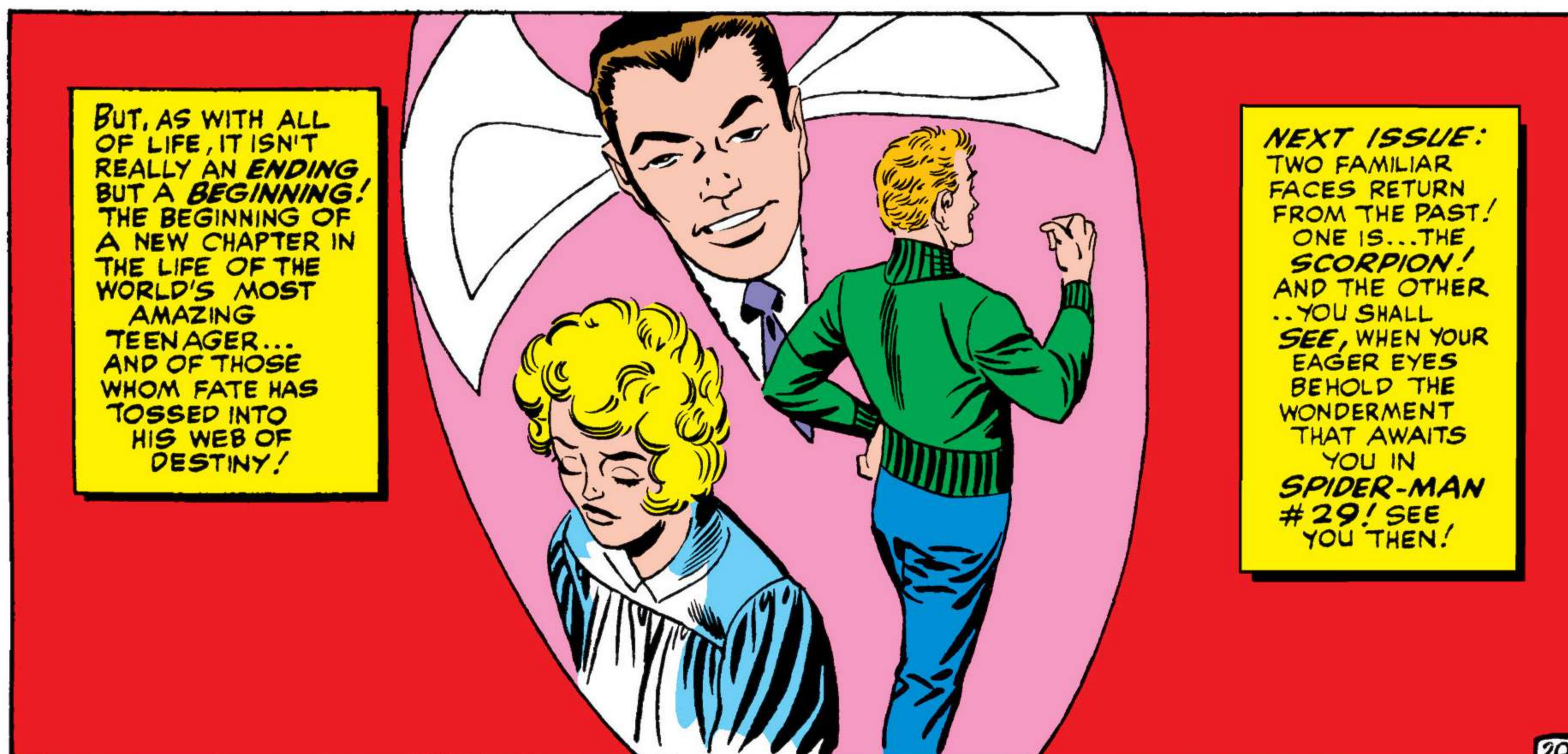
OUR GUEST SPEAKER IS THAT GREAT CIVIC LEADER AND JOURNALIST, MR. J. JONAH JAMESON, PUBLISHER OF THE "DAILY BUGLE"!

GROAN!!

SECHHE THEY'RE MAKING US GET OUR DIPLOMAS THE HARD WAY!









THE SPIDER'S WEB

— If you're wondering what's next in store for Spidey, welcome to the club! Because WE'RE wondering the same thing! But, this much we can be sure of—he'll meet new friends and enemies at Empire State U., and he'll also encounter some old ones! He'll face tragedies and triumphs, happiness and heartbreak — for, after all, he isn't that much different than we! (Especially if we also happen to have any super-powers lying around the house.) But, enough maudlin sentiment — now, on to our spider scribblings —

Dear Stan and Steve,

Oops! I goofed! Reading SPIDER-MAN #24, I suspected Dr. Rinehart was an old foe of Spidey in disguise and at once jumped to the wrong conclusion. I was certain he was the Chameleon! (How wrong could I be?) Later, while re-reading X-MEN #10, I had an interesting thought. Peter Parker's Aunt May has been trying to get him a blind date for the longest. Why not have Peter consent? When the girl arrives, it's Jean Grey (Marvel Girl) who's visiting her aunt. This will give both Betty Brant and Liz Allan and, also, the X-men something new to worry about. The difference in their crimebusting talents should prove a suitable basis for new thrills and excitement as both Spider-Man and Marvel Girl go into action. Give the idea some thought, please. It will be a change from the Human Torch, Spider-Man's regular guest star!

L. L. Simpson, Rt. 10
Tyler, Texas

Okay, L. L., we'll think about it! (Because we're all heart!) But, it's funny the way so many fans write to mention that the Torch is Spidey's regular guest star! As far as we can remember, we haven't used him in a long time! It seems that when ol' Hot-Head does appear, he really comes on strong!

Dear Stan and Steve,

Well, you did it again in SPIDER-MAN #24. "Spider-Man Goes Mad!" reached new heights of realism, irony, thrills and suspense. Yes, I did guess that Rinehart was a fake and that he was hoaxing Spidey, but it didn't detract from the story in the slightest. Artwise, the story was the usual fine job. A particular kudo is in order for the seventh panel of page 22, it conveyed the essence of raw terror. But I hope you haven't used up all the ways to make Spidey miserable. If Spidey doesn't suffer, then the story quality does.

Brian Yates, 1094 Chestnut St.
Newton, Mass.

Now hold on, Brian! You don't think we try to make our little web-spinner suffer, do you? Perish forbid! He just manages to get in trouble despite anything we can do! Gosh, pretty soon you'll start accusing us of making these stories up!



Dear Stan and Steve,

Out of all this month's issues, Spider-Man #24 was the best of all of them. "Spider-Man Goes Mad" is one of the

best written stories I have ever read. Wow!! That surprise ending really shocked me! We must give Mysterio credit; he has devised some of the most fantastic plans to defeat Spider-Man. This is the best I have seen to this day. What a scheme! It almost worked. Only Dr. Doom has created equally astounding plots. This is the type of story you should have more of—mystery! Good job, Stan! I say Mysterio created the best plan to defeat Spidey. More mysteries, please! It's a change of pace! Just think, if not for Jameson . . .

Vincent C. Stuart II, 1438 W. Euclid
Detroit, Mich. 48206

Okay, Vince, we'll try to cook up a few more mysteries for you. But, you know us—by the time we reach the end of the story, we'll probably forget who the villain is ourselves!

THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST

A Line-Up Of Some Of The Marvel-ous Mags On Sale Right Now!

FANTASTIC FOUR # 42: This one has to be seen to be believed! It actually features a rampaging Thing battling Mr. Fantastic in a fight to the finish, while the Torch and Sue Storm have their hands full with the Frightful Four! And the shock ending will knock you out of your seat!

AVENGERS #19: Whatever you do—wherever you go—whatever happens—don't dare miss this one! It introduces a new master menace, in the tradition of Wonder Man and Hawkeye! We guarantee that once you see the Swordsman, you'll be hooked for life—and Cap's quaint quartet was never greater!

X-MEN #12: At last! The long-awaited origin of Professor X—plus the most dramatic introduction of a mysterious new villain that you've ever seen! Stan and Jack pulled out all the stops on this one!

DAREDEVIL #9: A completely different type of adventure for D.D.! He dares to invade a killer's castle in another country, and runs into one of the strangest dangers any costumed hero has ever faced. Also, he finally consents to an eye operation, and—but why not see for yourself?

THOR #119: This is the issue you've been waiting for, starring the incredible battle between the Thunder God and the more-powerful Destroyer! Filled with drama, action, and startling surprises, it has everything any lover of enchanted pageantry could want!

STRANGE TALES #136: Only mighty Marvel could follow the first fantastic episode of Nick Fury, The Man From Shield with an even greater second episode! And wait till you see Fury's new hidden headquarters! As for Doc Strange—he's got to learn "What Lurks Behind the Mask?"

SUSPENSE #69: Iron Man battles another new Lee-Heck creation—the Titanium Man, and he's as awesome as you'd expect him to be! As for Captain America, this one has a new twist, as he invades the castle of a real old-time mad scientist! You'll think it's right out of the Frankenstein era!

ASTONISH #71: Once again you've a chance to cheer and gape in wonder at the brilliant art of Adam Austin who brings Sub-Mariner to his greatest heights of glory! And we can't wait till you see the stupefying Seaweed Man! Meantime, the Hulk is in desperate danger as he faces his gravest decision!

SGT FURY #21: Fury and his Howlers once again invade Hitler's own domain as they dare the impossible in a spectacular effort to free "The Hostages"! If you hate ordinary war magazines, what are you waiting for? This one's for you!

— Have you noticed the change in the trade-mark which appears on the left hand corner of our cover? So many of you frantic fans have objected to calling our Marvel mags "comics" that we felt we just had to come up with a better name! And so, from now on, you are no longer reading "comic books" when you read our little masterpieces! Instead, you're reading a "Pop Art book"! Remember, from now on, Brand X, Y, and Z are comic books, but when you buy a Marvel mag, you ask for a Marvel Pop Art book! We'll be checking on you, so don't let us down!

Dear Stan and Steve,

After reading Spider-Man #23, I thought it might be to my advantage to find out what kind of detergent Spidey uses when washing his costume. I was pleased with the results he got on his costume and thought that he might share his secret with me. One thing you can say for Mr. Spider-Man, he has the cleanest wash in town!

Ronald Miller, 404 Smith St.
West Union, Iowa

Don't ask us what detergent Spidey uses, Ron! Ask Aunt May—you can usually find her behind that nutty washing machine of hers that cleans as if it's ten feet tall!



— By the way, when you receive your swingin' Marvel stationery, don't waste it by scribbling on it! It's much too beautiful! Save it for your most important letter writing! We wish we could see your faces when you receive it — we think it's probably the most original, most amusing pop art creation of the year! And the autographs on back of the portfolio will absolutely knock you out! We kid you not!

Dear Stan and Steve,

You once said "since when do we have competitors?" I'll tell you, ever since you were on the stands. I think that your so-called super-heroes are terrible. In fact, they are all copies! (except Spider-Man). Don't think that I have just read 1 or 2 of your comics. I have read over 50 of them. I get them so I can read your letters pages. They are the only good thing in your comics.

Edward Brumby, 2423 Greenway
Raleigh, N. C.

Can't make us mad, Eddie boy! We don't care if you get 'em just because you like to pull out the staples—just so long as you keep getting them!

Dear Stan and Steve,

What happened in Spidey #24? You had in the special announcements the next ish listed as #22. Boy, at this rate it won't be long till we will see AMAZING FANTASY #15 again. Oh, before I forget, what was Flash Thompson doing when he said "wah-hoo?" Please don't tell me Nick Fury is his uncle. Hold it a sec! "Splat!!" Darn spiders!?

David Saari, 1319 Queen
Minneapolis, Minn.

Careful, Dave! One of 'em may be a relative of Pete's! As for Flash shouting "Wah-Hooo!" — why not? He probably reads the Howlers the same as 'most everyone else! (You don't think we'd ever miss a chance for a plug, do you?)

Dear Stan and Steve,

Please don't add any more characters to Spider-man. I loved it when it first came out, because it was original and it seemed a well-knit little group of people in an interesting book. Now he has 24 of his own villains and 5 co-stars. And now it's missing something it had before. Now Spider-man is real well-known and glamorous (in the book itself). And something else before I get off my soap-box—How do you reserve copies of various magazines at the stores? I've tried but the clerk didn't know. So do something and tell me how, huh?

Wayne Damon, 3824 Aldington Dr.
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It's easy, Wayne! Buy your mags at the same store until the dealer gets to know you. Then, in your best super-hero tone of voice you say to him "When the next ish of SPIDER-MAN comes out, put one way for me, huh?" It helps if you can let a tear trickle down your cheek at the same time. If he's a skinflint, it also helps to pay him the 12¢ in advance. This system is foolproof, unless he's a spy for Brand X!

Dear Stan and Steve,

I have just finished reading Spidey #24 and it is truly a milestone in Marvel history. Instead of the run-of-the-mill regular action, human interest, great characterization, wonderful plot, beautiful story, you have Spidey crack up! Go nuts! Only Stan and Steve could have conceived such a masterpiece in comics history. Steve's art in Spidey cannot be compared with any other art forms but Picasso and Da Vinci! But, Steve, your art with guest stars is awful (I couldn't spell 'ech'). Leave Torch and all the other Kirby stars alone. I also agree with John Honovich (#24) and wish more readers would realize that Spidey is more than equal to stop anything the Torch starts! Stan, your writing is so wonderful I wonder why I haven't seen any sci-fix books by you lately.

Gary Pinaid, RFD#2
Safattus, Maine

These days, Gary, who's got time to write 'em?

Dear Stan and Steve,

To start out with, both my brother and I really go for your mag. But ish #24 May, we didn't like. We felt rather let down because it didn't have the action we are addicted to! Spidey has his hands full without you guys killin' his love life the way you do. I must admit I was stumped all the way thru. My brother doesn't know how Mysterio stayed in that chair upside down! Was he nailed there, too? I think you guys are really "George." Keep it up!!!!

Bill and Steve Kuiper, 2357 Macon
Aurora, Colo.

Thanks, guys. We think Mysterio had little hidden clamps holding him in that chair—don't forget, he's a specialist at inventing those kind of kooky things. And, speaking of action, was there enough for you in this ish?

Dear Stan and Steve,

I've been reading your magazines since the Fantastic Four came out and I've enjoyed most of them. I like Spider-man and Thor the most, but the Fantastic Four is great. Recently I brought several of your titles back to the dorm with me and my roommates all got a real kick out of them. They had never seen stories with such real humor in them, writers who made fun of themselves and their heroes and had a good time doing it. Thanks for good reading. By the way, I'd like to see Spider-man at the wedding of Sue and Reed. I don't think you plan on leaving him out though. So long.

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Okay, Bobby—just for you we'll send him an invitation! But it'll mean he has to bring a present, and you know how broke he always is!



— Next ish you'll see a fighting-mad Spider-Man battling to protect one of his worst enemies! It's another electrifying experience in Marvel greatness! SPIDER-MAN # 29 — you may have to turn in your T-shirt if you miss it!